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City centre crime stats rubbished

New Government website shows violence in Theatre District and Xscape

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS

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GOVERNMENT figures that have branded the city centre the second worst in the UK for violent crime have been rubbished by officials.

A new Home Office crime mapping system, launched yesterday, showed 35 reported violent crimes in and around Lower 12th Street in December. This area includes the Theatre District, Xscape and thecentre:mk.

Kay Greenhalgh, member of the Milton Keynes City Centre Management team, said: "Having worked with the police, the venues in the area and being out there myself, I just don't see how the figures can be right. They just don't represent what actually goes on."

Of the 35 violent crimes, 26 were public order offences – this includes violent disorder, affray or provocation of violence.

There were also 38 'other crimes', which can range from sexual offences to dangerous driving.

Thames Valley Police DCI Justin Fletcher said: "There were only six assaults in the whole month and that's a 60 per cent reduction on December 2009. For a city centre that's incredibly low.

"Last year there was an 18.7 per cent decrease in the number of assaults, which meant there were 358 fewer assaults than in 2009.

"Our public order offences have increased by 42 per cent, but that's due to us being more proactive and arresting people before they can cause more trouble."

Andy Warner-Simpson is a doorman at the Moon Under Water in Xscape.

He said: "I'm actually really shocked. I've worked in many different places and Milton Keynes is probably one of the safest places I have ever worked.

"There's incidents like there is everywhere, but I never feel at risk going to work."

A spokesman for the Theatre District said the unique way the city's nightlife is all in one location means crime figures can be destorted.

They added: "A huge benefit to one central location for all nightlife is the ability for the police to focus resources in the area and deal with any problems swiftly, which they do. Central Milton Keynes is an incredibly safe night out."

A spokesman from thecentre:mk said: "We were unaware that there are high crime rates in this area.

"Crime reported within the thecentre:mk is very low and we continue to work proactively with all local partners to keep the risk potential of crime at a minimum."

World-class gymnast Danny Lawrence dropped in to get kids excited about sport yesterday. The Commonwealth Games silver medalist visited Holmwood School, Great Holm, to show his skills to the 180 pupils.

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Schools look for academy status

Oakgrove the first to move away from local authority control

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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OAKGROVE School was the first secondary school in Milton Keynes to become a phase two academy yesterday.

The phase two scheme, open only to those who have been rated as outstanding by Ofsted, allows schools to be funded via central government, rather than the local authority.

This gives schools more freedom on issues such as staffing, the curriculum and making changes to land and buildings.

Head teacher at Oakgrove, Peter Barnes, said: "It basically means we are able to allocate the budget differently and have more independence in our decisions. We can avoid having to deal with a lot of the local beaurocracy.

"We looked at it quite closely and felt that with the school having a strong tradition of doing things its own way, this would be an opportunity.

"Without having to follow local guidance, we can do things like employ more staff if we want smaller classes or host catch-up classes if needed."

Hazeley, Denbigh and Shenley Brook End schools have also shown an interest in obtaining phase two academy status, which the national Department for Education estimates takes around three months to complete.

Glen Martin, headteacher at Shenley Brook End School, said: "You have to apply to be an academy to begin the consultation process - this doesn't mean we will complete it.

"We will be consulting with parents, teachers and governors to determine whether such a move would help the education of our pupils.

"At Shenley we have always been very forward-thinking and have often led the way in terms of the curriculum and giving students extra classes."

The phase two academy status is different to the phase one process whereby a failing school is changed to a semi-independent school, funded by injections of private capital.

The school 'bell' is rung at Mundeku School Business Club

Bright idea: Xenia Rimmer

Kenyan business club carries the name of a city schoolgirl

WHAT links US President Barack Obama, Kenyan children and a 17-year-old Milton Keynes schoolgirl?

Mundeku School Business Club, in a remote western region of Kenya, was the brainchild of Oakgrove School pupil Xenia Rimmer and created with the blessing of the Obama Foundation, set up by the president's Kenyan family to help alleviate poverty.

The club, which teaches children business, was formed after Xenia came up with the idea while her father Bryan was in the country on a tour.

There he met President Obama's cousin Roy, who took him to see the impoverished Mundeku School.

On a phone call home to Xenia, she expressed a wish to help and together with Bryan and Roy came up with the idea of a business club.

Her name is now above its door, and she and her friends donate unwanted gifts and clothes for the Kenyan children to sell on to pay for uniforms and other school equipment.

Xenia said: "It feels really good to think something that seems so small to us could make a difference.

"Hopefully I'll get out there when I finish school."

New principal: Dr Julie Mills

New college chief

IT'S all change at Milton Keynes College after a new principal was appointed.

Rob Badcock was succeeded by Dr Julie Mills this week.

Dr Mills joined in 1990 as a lecturer in finance before becoming deputy principal five years ago.

She said: "I have a vision of an outstanding college, one which is recognised and valued by its communities, its stakeholders, its students and its staff as being central to their future success.

"I know that Milton Keynes College can be that college, at the heart of its communities, seen as a values-driven organisation, based on inclusion, integrity, enterprise and excellence."

When not at the college, Julie can be found roaring the MK Dons on at the stadiummk or supporting charities including the Helena Kennedy Foundation.

Tenth annual dragon boat race launched

THE launch of the annual Dragon Boat Festival took place yesterday.

Outside the offices of sponsors Easycopiers in Crownhill stood a brightly-painted Chinese dragon boat with a carved head, tail and traditional drum.

This year's festival, which will be raising money for Willen Hospice, will be celebrating the event's tenth anniversary. It will take place at Willen Lake on Sunday, June 26.

The Milton Keynes Dragon Boat Festival is the largest one-day event of its kind in the country, attracting 60 teams and more than 14,000 spectators. Last year the festival sold out three months in advance.

Council staff fear partner firm move

120 workers may be transferred to private company

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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ANXIOUS council staff are waiting to find out if they will be transferred to work for another company.

At a council cabinet meeting last week it was agreed that 120 staff at Milton Keynes Council should be transferred to private business partner Mouchel.

This is on top of the plans previously reported by MK NEWS that could see around 600 council staff losing their jobs over the next three years due to spending cuts.

The proposed move includes the proviso that all the staff's terms and conditions of employment will be protected, including their pension rights.

Unions have been involved in high-level discussions on the plans, but Janis Pidgeon, UNISON branch secretary for Milton Keynes, said the potential move still has staff worried.

She said: "The staff concerned are obviously anxious with regards to what's going on now, but also another company has been making a bid to take over Mouchel, which makes them nervous. Once the people have been moved over they will be looked at with regards to the admin staff that are currently there and there could be a reorganisation, so there's no guarantee for all those people's jobs."

Cllr Reg Edwards has called-in the decision, which means it will need to be looked at by a scrutiny panel on February 17 before the final go-ahead is given.

He said: "It's absolutely ludicrous, staff are worried and there's been no consultation.

"The way they treat the staff is deplorable, you can't treat them like that because you won't get the same work out of them when they move over."

Stand-off over water company's sewage pipe sees farmer in court

A FARMER whose land persistently floods with raw sewage is locked in a dispute with Anglian Water which has led to him being taken to court.

Michael Raven has owned 100-acre Willow Farm in Little Brickhill since 1992, which has an Anglian Water-owned sewage pipe running through it.

Wheat farmer Mr Raven, who lives at Old Farm Park, said the pipe has overflowed consistently. Each time the land floods, he loses his crops and cannot use the affected area for 12 months in case contaminants get into the human food chain.

Until 2008, he claims Anglian Water always came to clear up the land and compensated him for his loss, but after two floods that year this stopped.

When the pipe began overflowing again last month, covering an estimated 10 acres of land, he made a stand and prevented Anglian Water entering his property to fix the pipe until it guaranteed it would clean up afterwards.

He said: "We have asked for a piece of paper to say they will clean up, replace any damage and leave us the way we were.

"This year the seed was already drilled and that's now lost. In 2008 we lost 35 acres, which cost us around £35,000. "

Anglian Water took him to court on Friday to gain a warrant to get onto his land, but guaranteed to clear up the mess.

The blocked pipe was fixed over the weekend, but Mr Raven still does not know where he stands with regards to compensation.

An Anglian Water spokesman said claims were assessed individually with no guarantee of compensation every time.

He added the company needs access to the pipe to prevent blockages, adding: "If a blockage does cause a sewage spill, Anglian Water will always clean up the resulting mess."

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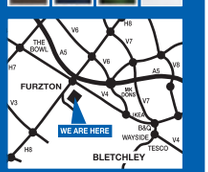

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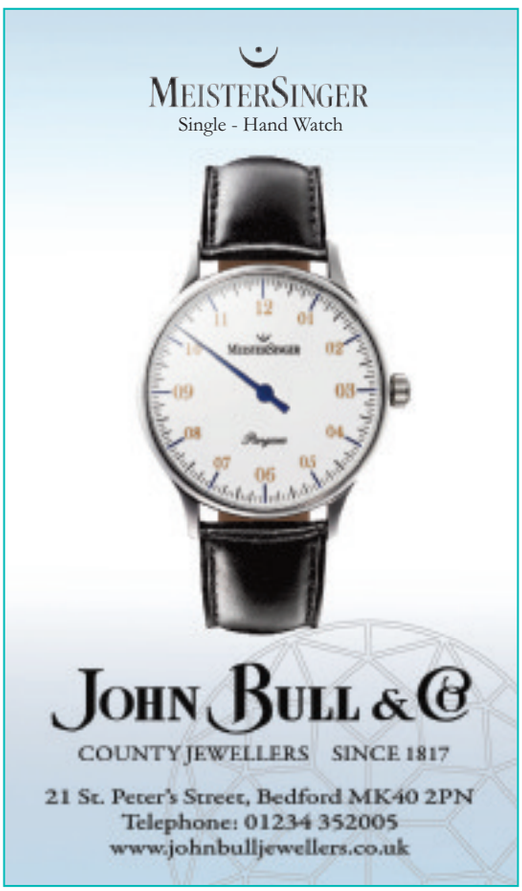

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Single question costs £25,000 to answer

SIR – I was intrigued by the costs involved in the so-called investigation into remarks allegedly made against Cllr Douglas McCall by Cllr Andrew Dransfield (MK NEWS, January 26).

I have to agree with Cllr Dransfield when he says the £25,000 could have been used more effectively.

However, I'm more interested in the cost of the investigation, legal costs and support costs, especially when you consider it seems nobody at that meeting could recall the events, which doesn't say a lot for the integrity of the people involved.

The investigators in this had only one question to ask. Did Cllr Dransfield make the statement? So how does that equate to £13,200? Or, for that matter, internal legal costs of £6,918.50, external legal costs of £5,112.80 and £350 support costs?

From my observations over the past two decades of monitoring the council, Milton Keynes Primary Care Trust and Thames Valley Police I have come to one conclusion – they all want to believe that activity equals achievement.

R E Lee
Conniburrow Boulevard, Conniburrow

■ SIR – I read the article concerning the fallout between two councillors.

I think I could well be speaking on behalf of most of the normal-thinking and hard-pressed taxpayers when I say that this situation is an absolute disgrace and a total abuse of public money.

Several serious questions must be asked and answered in full.

Firstly, why has it taken 20 months for this investigation to be conducted on such a simple 'fallout', thus costing the taxpayer money? Surely these accusations should have been cleared up within a very short period of time.

Secondly, why did the council let this petty disagreement rumble on for so long and allow it to cost so much?

Thirdly, taxpayers are having a hard enough time without these fools wasting more money. With scathing cuts to so many vital services how can this type of expenditure be justified?

I think the public deserve some straight answers. The councillors are answerable to the public. The public purse is not there for councillors to abuse under any circumstances. I'd like to know what is being done to make sure this appalling waste of public funds does not happen again.

Stuart Moore
Blackmore Gate, Furzton

Hospital cuts don't allow for any popultion growth

SIR – It has been reported there is going to be drastic change in the way Milton Keynes Hospital is run due to a multi-million pound cut in funding (MK NEWS, January 26).

It appears that nearly 10 per cent of the current staff will lose their jobs. It is estimated that Milton Keynes Primary Care Trust has to make savings of £104million over the next four years.

The Prime Minister, David Cameron, assured the public during the election campaign that NHS funding would be ring-fenced and there would not be a massive cut in funding.

Where is the election promise? The Government is trying to destroy a system which was introduced more than 60 years ago.

The city's population is increasing at the rate of more than seven per cent a year. How can Mark Millar, the hospital's interim chief executive, justify that it can provide the best quality of care to patients with a massive cut in expenditure?

Hospital staff work very hard and any cuts will put them under stress that will be disastrous to the hospital and patient care.

Arun Vaidyanathan
Sent by e-mail

Car park's your Oyster

SIR – In some towns parking is free for the first 20 minutes or so, after which time you have to pay.

This means you don't have to pay, say, to return a library book but you do if you want to spend time shopping.

The worst loser to the loss of free parking could be Waitrose, as all its competitors now offer free parking.

Has the council considered Oyster card-style parking so you don't have to faff with change and only pay for the time you use? Has it considered Oyster cards on our infamously unpunctual buses as paying the driver is a major cause of delay?

Jim Scott
Sent by e-mail

Happy at Coffee Hall

SIR – This is an angry response to Peter Walduck (Letters, MK NEWS, January 19), who admits to never having lived on Coffee Hall (although his daughter has).

Well Mr Walduck, some tenants on Coffee Hall are more than satisfied with living here. I have lived on this 'worst estate' for six years and I have never had any trouble or witnessed any real bother, no more than any other estate in MK.

I have fantastic neighbours who all look out for each other and at night we hardly ever hear a sound, except the occasional helicopter or ambulance sirens, a disadvantage to living so near to our hospital.

Mr Walduck should not tar everybody with the same brush, or indeed assume everyone on Coffee Hall is as unhappy as his daughter was.

I am really upset that the likes of Mr Walduck are ready to poison people's minds against us tenants who strive to live peacefully on an ordinary, not the worst, estate.

Name and address supplied

■ SIR – The worst estate to live on unveiled. On what survey do they base this?

No-one has ever asked me, a Netherfield resident, and I think the estate is great. It's peaceful, friendly and under-rated.

I would rate this survey if they asked all residents of all the estates to vote on the subject. Until then it's not worth the paper it's written on.

Tracey Gail
Sent by e-mail

Treat the arts equally

SIR – Regarding your story in last week's paper 'Budget axe fall on arts groups'.

Arts and Heritage Council-funded organisations are part of the strong voluntary sector in Milton Keynes, with hundreds of volunteers delivering a wide range of benefits to the community that address the range of MK Council's priorities and the needs of the community.

Why are these organisations being treated differently from the other voluntary groups?

The council's lack of figures for future cuts to 2015, added to the fact that organisations need time to develop new income streams, is also unreasonable. Why are funding cuts at five per cent, as with other voluntary organisations, not being phased and announced to 2015?

This lack of clarity about future funding threatens the future sustainability of our organisations (what business would support an organisation which may not exist in four years time?) and our ability to formulate sensible business plans.

Lady Rima Scott
Chairman, Arts and Heritage Alliance

Unsafe Sunday stroll

SIR – With reference to last week's story 'Cops seeking Sunday morning sex attacker'.

It is a sad day when the 'sensible steps to keep safe' recommend that women do not walk on their own.

This was a Sunday morning in a residential area. We should be free to take a Sunday stroll unchaperoned and in safety.

Name and address supplied

Low carbon future bus-t

SIR – On page two of MK NEWS on January 26, I read 'Come to Milton Keynes for a green, low carbon and sustainable future' and 'aspirations to become known internationally for low carbon living and working'.

Turn the page and we find one of the never-ending complaints about the serious failures of the bus system. To my mind, something just does not add up.

Frederick Toates
Marshworth

Prices right at Netto

SIR – Regarding the story 'Residents fear price rise after store goes' last week.

I agree with the local residents that Netto at the Shenley Church End Local Centre is a good place to shop as it has many named brands being sold at very reasonable prices, plus the weekly bargains on non-food items.

I know of quite a few people who come from other estates to shop there who will not be shopping at Sainsbury's because of its prices.

Lidl and Aldi will be my port of call when Netto sadly closes its doors.

Name and address supplied

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Counting sheep: The city's popular woolly flock has returned to continue its important conservation work. Campbell Park is once again home to 120 sheep, grazing at the park to help manage large areas of grassland and create a much richer diversity of wildlife. Their grazing deters weeds and scrub and encourages the growth of flower-rich meadows. Sheep and cattle graze about 800 of the Park Trust's 4,500 acres of land throughout the city, including the Ouse Valley, Ouzel Valley, Woughton on the Green and Shenley Toot.

Disabled grandad punched by driver

OAP hit as he accosted foul-mouthed motorist

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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A DISABLED grandfather-of-six was assaulted as he tried to defend his chronically ill partner.

The 65-year-old ex-soldier was punched in the face by a man driving a large, dark saloon car in the Sainsbury's car park in Bletchley.

The victim, who was too frightened to be named, told MK NEWS: "My partner had a hospital appointment following an operation and the news we received wasn't good.

"So we decided, instead of going home and brooding, to go to Bletchley and browse around the shops to take our minds off it.

"On our return to the Sainsbury's car park, my partner was walking ahead of me, as I walk with a stick, and a car appeared to veer towards her. Although he could have driven round her he stopped and she went to the driver's window to apologise. But the driver then swore at her with such horrendous language.

"I then went up to the driver's window and when I asked him what he'd said he punched me in the mouth.

"He then sped out of the car park."

The offender was aged between 50 and 60 with grey combed-back hair and was wearing slightly-tinted glasses.

The victim added: "He could see that I had a walking stick with me and that I couldn't retaliate. He should be utterly ashamed of himself. If he was a young man I could understand, but he wasn't far off my age.

"After he hit me a few girls came over to help us, but we were in so much shock we didn't get their names or the driver's registration number.

"But this man needs to be caught, or he could do it again."

Anyone with information about the assault, which happened last Wednesday at about 3.20pm, can call police on 0845 8 505 505.

Fears for tennis club future as rent is hiked to £20,000

POTENTIAL rent rises at tennis courts has left one club worried for its future.

The courts and hockey pitches, based at Woughton on the Green playing fields, could be subject to rate increases from April 1 after Milton Keynes Council took over running the facilities last year from Milton Keynes Sports Club.

Business development manager Philippa Callcut said the tennis club, which has more than 200 members, was previously paying £5,000 per year, but proposals have been made to increase this to around £20,000.

She said: "We are now down at £13,000 per year, which we still can't afford, and we are looking to get the facility back at a cost that the club can afford.

"If we stay at this rate they are asking us to make a debt.

"Milton Keynes Sports Club has already been wound up and we don't want another one."

Cllr Andy Dransfield said he has received correspondence from concerned users, including a letter from Hazeley School which uses the hockey pitches.

He said: "We have got to be careful, better to have a low amount of rent than nothing at all. It's a lack of business commonsense – to charge whatever you want is counter-productive."

A council spokesman said discussions are under way to ensure hire fees are at a realistic level and in line with market rates, and it wants to ensure the tennis club's long-term future is secured with minimal risk to the public purse.

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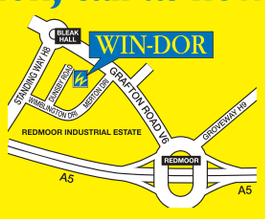

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Parents Bil and Lisa Bragg with daughter Katie and Christie Augustyn with mum Christina

Parents angry at nurseries merger

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ANGRY parents will be holding a protest over plans to permanently close their children's nursery.

A catalogue of problems at the Russell Street Day Nursery in Stony Stratford, including old heating and water systems and a roof that needs repairing, meant youngsters had to be transferred to The Rowans Day Nursey on the Fullers Slade estate in the city for health and safety reasons.

But councillors are now considering merging the two nurseries as the Russell Street refurbishment will cost too much when Milton Keynes Council is already trying to make budget cuts.

Parents from Russell Street, which is rated as outstanding by Ofsted, are worried their children won't get the same levels of care at The Rowans after it received a satisfactory grade in its last inspection.

They have contacted Cllr Phil Wharton and MP Iain Stewart and will be protesting outside the council's offices on Friday, as well as collecting names for a petition and setting up a group on social networking site Facebook.

Bil Bragg, from Stony Stratford, whose 18-month-old daughter Katie attended Russell Street, said: "We were on the waiting list for a long time for Russell Street because it's outstanding.

"A few of the parents from Russell Street have already pulled out their children."

The council has said staff will be moved across to maintain the same standard of care as at Russell Street and refurbishing the nursery had been robustly explored but was not an option.

A spokesman said: "The health and safety of children in our care is extremely important to us and the proposed move is intended to provide much improved facilities for children at both nurseries.

"A recent inspection of the Russell Street site identified that extensive works are needed to ensure young children can be cared for in a safe environment.

"The views of parents, staff and local councillors are being taken into consideration before a final decision is taken."

Panel happy with hospital maternity unit

THE performance of the maternity unit at Milton Keynes Hospital was put under the spotlight at a meeting last night.

John Oates, chairman of the independent Maternity Services Monitoring Panel, presented a report of its findings and suggestions to Milton Keynes Council's health and wellbeing select committee following its last meeting in January.

Before the meeting, Mr Oates said: "I am confident that the standard of care in Milton Keynes is excellent.

"We want to reassure mothers and pregnant women in the city that they can be sure of a high standard of care and support when having a baby in the Milton Keynes maternity unit.

"We are recommending that the council commends the unit and the hospital trust for being so efficient in taking forward the improvements to the service."

The report made recommendations to the committee, including ensuring there is ongoing monitoring of the unit's performance.

It also outlined the work done by the panel since it first met in March last year as a result of the 12 conditions placed on the unit by the Care Quality Commission – nine of which have now been lifted.

Wedding show weekend at centre:mk

A POPULAR wedding show returns to thecentre:mk this weekend.

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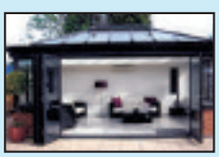
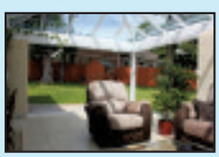

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Stall holders join bridge protesters

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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MARKET traders are up in arms at a proposal to knock down the main bridge in the city centre.

They joined a demonstration last Friday over Milton Keynes Council's failure to reopen Secklow Gate bridge following a massive fire in January last year.

There is a rising fear that if the bridge is demolished to make way for a new development linked to thecentre:mk the market will be forced to move and traders will lose their jobs.

Ramo Erdogan, chairman of the Milton Keynes Street Traders Association, said: "If the market closes, about 80 to 90 traders will lose their stalls.

"I don't think the council is thinking about the local people who rely on the market traders either. They don't consider people living in the surrounding areas such as Fishermead, Conniburrow and Eaglestone.

"The planning discussions take place in the council buildings, but they should be out talking to the people that will be affected."

Fellow trader, Surinder Singh, has been running a clothing stall at the market since 1988.

He said: "Since the fire I have lost a lot of business, but if they take down the bridge the market traders will be finished – we'll all be signing on the dole."

Stall holders join a protest against a proposal to demolish Secklow Gate bridge, which would see the open market close

Steve Tucker, who has run a stall at the market for 23 years added: "We feel very hard done by. A lot of the stalls here do things that you can't get in the shopping centre."

More than 30 people took part in the protest, led by Linda Inoki, founder of quality development group Xplain.

She said: "It was not only successful, but vital. It is the first time people have gathered and got things out in the open about a situation which the council keeps covering up as good news. We demand answers."

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Cancer support
THE Milton Keynes Lymphoma Association support group will hold a meeting for those affected by lymphatic cancer at the Peartree Centre, Milton Keynes, tomorrow from 2pm. Contact the Lymphoma Association's freephone helpline on 0808 808 5555 for information.

Rubbish fine
A WOLVERTON woman was ordered to pay £850 by city magistrates on Friday for continually placing her waste bags in an alleyway at the side of the house on days when rubbish wasn't being collected. Joanna Podwicka, 31, of Peel Road, was convicted in her absence.

School flooded
A PRIMARY school was closed yesterday following a flood. Falconhurst School, in Eaglestone, had to close after radiator pipes broke, but was due to reopen today.

Ex-boss honoured
THE former chief executive of MK Council, Kate Page, has received an MBE in recognition of her services to social care during her time there.

A5 death youth was depressed

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A 15-YEAR-OLD who was killed on the A5 may have committed suicide, an inquest has been told.

Connor Dyer of Kingsfold, Bradville, suffered multiple injuries when he was hit by a taxi as he walked, dressed in black, along the A5 between Abbey Hill and Old Stratford on September 3 last year.

At an inquest on Friday, it was revealed Connor had suffered mental health issues and had threatened to kill himself on previous occasions.

Taxi driver Mashahid Ali, who has driven for Speedline for six years, said: "I was going at 70mph. There was something black in the road. I saw it for a second and tried brake, but I hit it. It made a noise as it hit the car, and that's when I knew it was a person."

Killed: Connor Dyer

Connor had been suffering from depression due to his parents' separation and his failing eyesight. He had been visiting child psychologist Dr Kussai Hadi.

Connor's mother, Deborah Dyer, told the inquest she had found e-mails written by him which concerned her.

One sent on August 27 read: "Well, I'm going to commit suicide. I'm sorry I told you this, but when I'm dead I don't want you to think I've just forgotten about you. I'll never forget about you. I'm sorry."

Coroner Rodney Corner recorded an open verdict.

He said: "He was thinking very dark thoughts. It is awful to hear and to think what he was going through.

Regarding the taxi driver he said: "I don't think anybody could say that Mr Ali ever had a chance. Everything was stacked against him."

Childs Way bridge repair work to start in May

TRAFFIC restrictions on one of the city's busiest roads will remain in place until at least May.

Since the start of November, traffic has been filtered into a single lane on the H6 Childs Way by Willen Lake where the bridge over the River Ouzel has been found to be weak.

Motorist Michelle Walsh wrote to MK NEWS saying: "It seems ludicrous that the main road from the M1 juntion 14 is partly reduced to one lane, but nothing seems to be happening. Surely after three months, the council could either start to take action or remove the cones."

A council spokesman said plans are being finalised for refurbishment work on the bridge to start in May.

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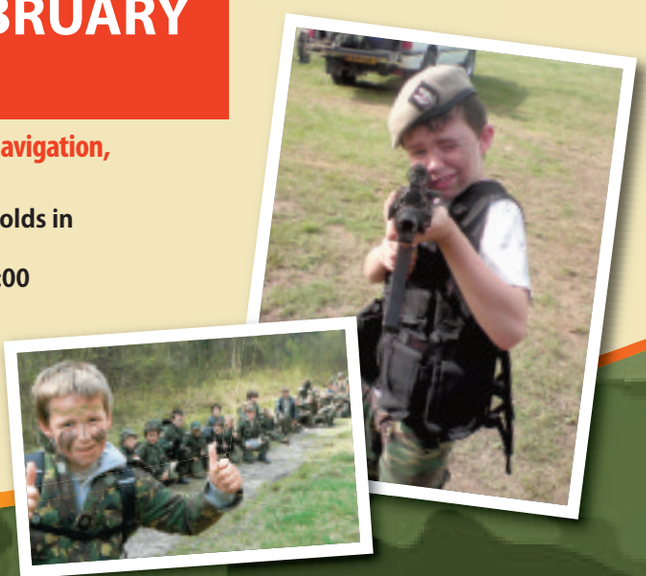

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Council to consult on danger junction

Lovat Fields residents fear fatal accident

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HIGHWAYS chiefs are gearing up to make a busy junction safer after residents said there was a 'fatal accident waiting to happen'.

The junction at Japonica Lane and the V10 Brickhill Street, in Willen Park, is used by those living in Lovat Fields Retirement Village and a new housing development, as well as visitors to the Chrysalis Theatre.

Residents claim accidents are on the increase and motorists are having to wait in long queues and have been urging Milton Keynes Council to make improvements.

Retirement village resident John Rist said: "At peak periods you can wait ten minutes. There have been accidents, as there's such a great distance between the roundabouts on the V10 that people really put their foot down.

'Accident waiting to happen': Lovat Fields residents Brian Brookman, David Page and Ron Robinson at the Japonica Lane junction

"It is a fatal accident waiting to happen – with 375 houses plus the theatre it's bound to happen. It really wants something doing."

Lovat Fields Residents' Association chairman Brian Brookman said the problem is turning right out of and into Japonica Lane, as cars have to cross traffic lanes.

He said: "It's taken quite a long time but I had a meeting last week with someone from the council who came up with some proposals, and I'm hoping everything will be wonderful.

"My understanding is they want to widen Brickhill Street to make room for a central reservation. I'm hoping, fingers crossed, that we'll be seeing some real progress within a week."

A council spokesman confirmed a junction widening scheme will take place to enable easier turning into and from the site, with plans to consult with residents in the coming months.

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OVERCROWDING on commuter trains from Milton Keynes is being addressed by the Government.

On Thursday, Secretary of State for Transport, Philip Hammond, moved to reassure commuters by announcing the introduction of 106 new Virgin Pendolino carriages by 2012.

MP for Milton Keynes North, Mark Lancaster, quizzed Mr Hammond after a recent Network Rail consultation described the overcrowding for MK commuters as 'acute'.

It also predicted there would be a need for 1,500 extra peak-time seats by 2024, with most trains already at their maximum length.

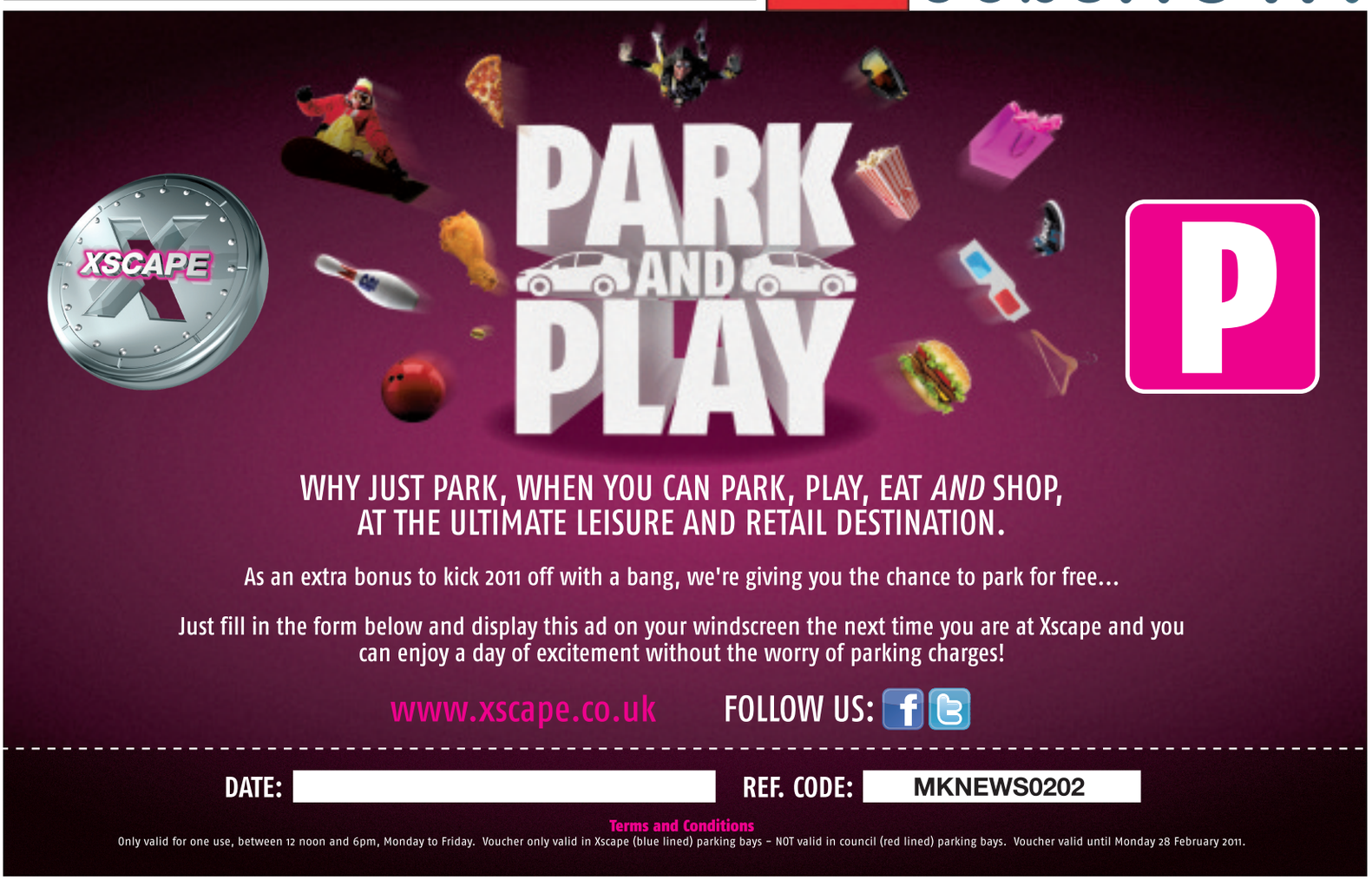
Mr Lancaster said investment in the West Coast Main Line (WCML) in Milton Keynes had only benefited long-distance travellers and asked if there was 'any light at the end of the tunnel for MK commuters'.

As well as replying with the announcement of the new carriages, Mr Hammond also said the proposed High Speed 2 rail line would alleviate pressure on the WCML in the longer term, freeing up capacity for trains from Milton Keynes to Euston.

There is also a suggestion to link the £15billion London Crossrail line to the city, from Paddington along the WCML.

After the debate Mr Lancaster said: "I am pleased that the Government has both short-term and longer-term solutions for the overcrowding and delays suffered by many of my constituents.

"I will continue lobbying to make sure these promises become a reality. More needs to be done, however. Therefore I am interested in proposals to link MK to places like the West End and Canary Wharf and am still campaigning for the reopening of the East-West Rail Line via the city."



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City's Sure Start centres secure

Council's kids' service boss aiming to keep current projects

CHILDREN'S centres in Milton Keynes and the surrounding area have been given a guarantee they will not have to close.

However, parents have been warned the way services are provided at Sure Start centres could change by the boss of children's services at Milton Keynes Council, which funds the scheme.

Results of a study by families charity 4Children and the Daycare Trust suggest 250 centres nationally are expected to close as councils seek to make savings.

Another 2,000 will provide a reduced service and 3,100 will have a smaller budget, according to the survey of almost 1,000 centre managers across England.

But last week the city's newest Sure Start Centre, Sunshine, was opened in Furzton and the council has moved to allay parents' fears that its centres will close.

Mums Kelly Gay with George and Julia Carter with Euan and Emily talk to family supprt worker Caroline Sangwin at Sunshine Sure Start

A spokesman said: "We are committed to providing services to our most vulnerable children and families through Sure Start Children's Centres and at this time we have no plans to close any centres in Milton Keynes."

Sure Start centres offer activities and courses for young children and their parents such as childminder groups, stay and play sessions and help to find a new job.

Mum Julia Carter, who has twins and uses the Sunshine centre, said: "If the centre closed the kids and I wouldn't be making the friends we are.

"There's very little out there to help with things like post-natal depression and I'm helping to set up a group."

Cllr Rosemary Drewitt, who is responsible for children's services at the council, said: "We'll be aiming to preserve all the services that we currently offer. However, we may have to look at reorganising some services, which is part of a much wider plan of how children's services will be provided."

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Family and friends keep up Paolo hunt

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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FAMILY and friends of Paolo Sicorello are still hopeful he will be found safe and well.

The 34-year-old has not been seen since he left the Giffard Park pub more than three weeks ago, but the hunt to find him remains strong.

Darren Brockett, a close friend of Paolo and his family, said: "We are still distributing leaflets through people's doors and the Facebook campaign is ever-growing.

"The problem with searches is that you need to have a tangible lead of where to go. We had such a massive amount of support from the public in the first instance that we were able to search such a large area.

"I understand the police searches have come to an end, but I should imagine that's because they have exhausted all their natural leads. I'm sure they are still looking into things. We are obviously disappointed that searches have been fruitless, but confident that should any further leads come up, the police will investigate them as diligently as possible. I believe Paolo's sister, Nina, has contacted the charity Missing Persons and has sought their help. The general feeling among the family is one of hope – hope that Paolo is safe and well.

"But also one of despair, of not having the answers they so desperately need.

"I would like to ask people to please remain vigilant and keep a keen eye out."

■ **On January 25, Luton Town FC, above, wore shirts featuring an appeal for information on Paolo's whereabouts for their first televised match of the year.**

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Energy firm looks at wind farm site

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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A WIND farm could be built on the outskirts of the city.

Energy company npower has submitted a scoping application to Milton Keynes Council for five turbines in Little Linford, 6km north of the city centre.

Urban Eden is a pressure group fighting to maintain the look of Milton Keynes.

Its chairman, Theo Chalmers, said: "Is there a benefit to the people of Milton Keynes to have them there?

"If Cec Tallack, the leader of the council, and David Hall, the chief executive, are happy to have them built outside the council offices, or in their own back gardens, then I would be happy for them to be built in Little Linford."

Residents in Newport Pagnell would be among those living closest to the turbines.

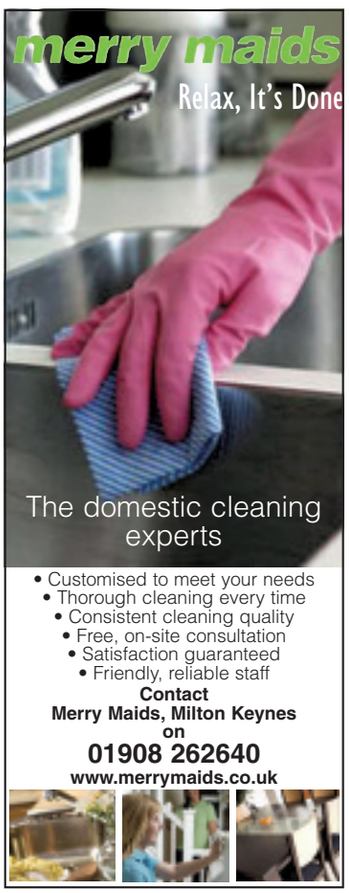
Michael Barry, councillor for Newport Pagnell North, said: "We can already see the wind turbines over by Olney.

"People are more concerned about plans to build Tesco, so it may go through without many objections."

Energy company npower wants to put up turbines near Milton Keynes

Terry Holmes, owner of the House of Bee Gee Cards shop in the town, said: "Why must they be by people's homes? I think we have to have renewable energy sources, but I would hate to see our landscape littered with them."

Renewables project developer for npower, Christopher Nunn, said: "Work on the project is at an early stage, although the site shows many preliminary signs that it may be suitable for a wind farm. However, we will need to carry out further detailed studies before considering our next steps and whether this includes submitting a planning application."



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Takeaway and owner pay for poor hygiene

A TAKEAWAY restaurant and its owner have been ordered to pay more than £15,000 for poor food hygiene.

Al Fairoz Kebabish in Farthing Grove, Netherfield, and its owner Mohammed Ayoub were found guilty of three food offences each after a five day trial.

The offences took place on April 21, 2010 when environmental health officers from Milton Keynes Council went to the premises to investigate a customer complaint.

They found the place to be dirty and badly maintained, with staff not washing their hands after handling raw food.

They also found the owner and the manager had gone to Pakistan at short notice and had left a family member in charge who had no managerial experience and had not run a restaurant before.

Fined: Al Fairoz Kebabish in Farthing Grove, Netherfield

District Judge Peter Crabtree in his summing up took into account previous food convictions in 2004 and said if the same thing happened again Mr Ayoub would be prohibited from running a food business.

At Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court last Wednesday, he fined the restaurant £6,000 and Mr Ayoub £1,500.

He also awarded costs of £7,783 to the council.

Cllr Mike Galloway, responsible for environmental health, said: "This company and its owner have repeatedly not acted on advice that is there to protect the health of the public.

"It is completely unacceptable that this company has failed to take action to clean up its premises despite the efforts of council officers to highlight the risks."

City MP to hold 'street surgery' on Saturday

A CITY MP is taking his surgeries to the street.

Queensway in Bletchley will be the venue of Iain Stewart's next street surgery on Saturday.

The MP for Milton Keynes South holds surgeries in different areas to give residents an opportunity to chat with him about their concerns.

He will be waiting to speak to people opposite the post office from noon to 1pm.

Mr Stewart said: "I am looking forward to meeting constituents and hopefully help with any issues they raise.

Similar events that I held in Woburn Sands and Morrisons supermarket in Westcroft gave me a good opportunity to assist constituents with the different problems they needed help with."

To contact Mr Stewart, call 01908 686830, or visit www.ias4mks.com.

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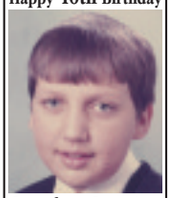

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Deaths

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Funeral service takes place at Bedford Crematorium on Friday 4th February at 11.30. Family flowers only. Donations for Prostate Cancer Research Centre may be sent c/o Arnolds Funeral Service, 48 Roff Avenue, Bedford. MK41 7TE
Tel: 01234 359529

Deaths

DONALD JOHNSON
'Don'

Suddenly but peacefully passed away at home on 25th January 2011 aged 79 years.

Beloved husband of the late Muriel Johnson, loving father of Christine and Sandra, proud grandfather of Claire, Julia and Adam.

A true gentleman, he will be forever missed by all who knew him.

Funeral Service to be held at St Owen's Church Bromham on Thursday 10th February 2011 at 2.00pm.

Family flowers only please, but if desired donations for Macmillan Cancer Support or Alzheimer's Society (Bedford Branch) send c/o: Arnolds Funeral Service, 48 Roff Avenue Bedford MK41 7TE. Telephone: 01234 359529

JERZY SENKOWSKI
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Jerzy passed away peacefully on 21st January 2011 at Bedford South Wing Hospital.

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A true gentleman, loved by all. Together again with his beloved Alexandra. Tatus we miss you.

Funeral Service to be held at St Cuthberts Polish R C Church on Thursday 10th February at 11.00am followed by cremation at Bedford Crematorium Norse Road.

Flowers may be sent to: Arnolds Funeral Service, 48 Roff Avenue Bedford MK41 7TE. Telephone: 01234 359529.

Acknowledgements

FENELEY Cicely
The family of Cicely would like to thank all who attended her funeral, and for all the messages of sympathy and support. Thanks for the donations made to Kempston East Methodist Church in her memory. Thanks also to the medical staff at De Pary's Medical Centre, the hospital, and the district and Macmillan Nurses for all their help. Special thanks also to the Revd. Graham Miles and all at Kempston East and West Churches.

PARKER. Joyce
& family would like to thank everyone who attended Don's funeral service at Felmersham Church. We would also like to thank everyone for the cards and offers of help - they are all appreciated

DAVID LENNOX LAMB
David's family would like to thank everyone who attended his funeral. Thank you for the kind messages of sympathy, floral tributes and donations received at this sad time. Thank you also for the help and support given during his illness and after his passing.
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ESTHER MASON
Esther's family wish to record their thanks and appreciation for the kind thoughts and support of extended family and friends which helped us through these difficult times recently. Thanks also for their care for Esther, to the Critical Care Complex at Bedford Hospital, for whom donations have been kindly collected and passed on by A.L & G Abbott Funeral Directors – to whom we are also grateful.
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LUCY BASSINDALE
The family of Lucy Bassindale would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all those who attended her funeral.
The many cards and kind words are very much appreciated, as was the help given by local organisations and her many friends.
A special thank you to the Reverend Steven Toze for his wonderful & touching tribute. We would also like to thank the ladies from The Mothers Union and The Women's Institute, who's efforts before and on the day were outstanding.
Not forgetting the Dr's and Nursing Staff of Godber Ward, who were of a great help to both Lucy, and her family during the last few weeks of her life.
The generous donations in excess of £1,200 given in honour of Lucy will be distributed as requested between The Primrose Centre Bedford Hospital & The British Heart Foundation.
Once again our sincere thanks to all.
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In Memoriam

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Kath and all your family
xxx

LITCHFIELD George
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Doreen, Caroline, Darren and family
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In Memoriam

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31st January 2004
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so many things I want to say.
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somewhere over the rainbow.
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Until we meet again
All my love Rita x

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10.10.31 - 30.01.07
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From wife Cynthia, Chidren Chippy, Susan, Karl, Judy, Kim and Theresa.
All respective in-laws, grandchildren and great grandchildren

BENNETT Sheila
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BURRAWAY Ted & Enie Dad & Grandad 31.01.99, Mum & Grandma 06.03.67. Memories last forever, loved and missed. Julie, Charlie, Charlene, David, Dominic, Sallie, Omar, Imani and baby Amelie x

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Nima Pujara with mayor Cllr Debbie Brock at the the art exhibition in Netherfield

Volunteer rehabilitation teacher sees 'pupils' hold art exhibition

A VOLUNTEER who was told she had just five months to live is now helping others with their rehabilitation.

Nima Pujara, 72, is a helper for Community Service Volunteers and has helped organise art classes for the elderly and those with debilitating conditions or find it difficult to get out of the house.

Five years ago she was diagnosed with cancer and only given months to live, but now she lives by the motto 'life is too precious not to try'.

For the last 12 months she has part-run and taught at monthly art classes for those with conditions ranging from fibromyalgia to strokes, which culminated in an exhibition of their works in Netherfield last week, attended by the mayor Debbie Brock.

Nima said: "These classes encourage participation and people to see they do have creativity, and who knows, maybe one or two could move forward and become professional artists. It's making a difference in their lives and in the community, especially when elderly people have something to look forward to and be successful at."

One of this year's artists, 74-year-old Sheila Graham, said it had helped her to improve her painting and drawing, adding: "It's better than sitting in the house and it gets you meeting different people as well as learning something new."

The free 12-month course will start again in March at the Woughton Regeneration Centre in Farthing Grove, Netherfield. For more information call Nima on 01908 506595.

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Stony Stratford has also won a place in the final of the small town category.

The trees, donated by the Woodland Trust, will be planted in March.

Judy Deveson, chairman of volunteer group Stony in Bloom, said the trees will be put to good use in the town to form a native English hedge around new allotments in Boundary Crescent.

She added: "People keep coming up to me and saying they appreciate what we are doing, which is really heartening.

"Stony in Bloom is for the community. The pride people take in the town is important, including those in Fullers Slade and Galley Hill - we want each person to feel they are really part of it."

Maurice Barnes, a neighbourhood engagement officer for Milton Keynes Council, said: "With tough competition, city residents and businesses can help keep the streets, gardens and open spaces looking their best for when the judges visit in the summer. We ask everyone to get behind the Milton Keynes in Bloom campaign to help us have the best chance of winning the Britain in Bloom award."

■ For more information on MK's entry, how you can help to win, or what is going on in your area, call 01908 252591.

■ Anyone wanting more details about Stony in Bloom can call 01908 566726.

This pictorial meadow at Furzton helped Milton Keynes win through to the final of Britain in Bloom

MKNEWSBRIEFS

Heart attack kills driver

A DRIVER died last week after having a heart attack at the wheel.

Philip Addis, 46, of Coffee Hall, lost control of his silver Renault Laguna which ended up in the brook in Westfield Road, Bletchley, shortly before 4pm on January 24. It is believed he may have died before his car hit the water.

Police closed the road for more than two hours.

Man on drugs charges

A MAN has been charged with drug offences.

Michael Sean Imeson, 34, from Calvie Cross, Hodge Lee, was charged with possession with intent to supply cocaine and of production of cannabis.

He is due to appear at MK Magistrates' Court later this month.

The charges are in connection with a search at an address in Hodge Lee on October 12, 2010.

Fostering forum

RESIDENTS are being encouraged to find out more about fostering.

An informal drop-in session will be held by MK Council's fostering team tomorrow between 6 and 7.30pm in Saxon Court, Avebury Boulevard. Staff and experienced carers will be on hand to have a chat and answer any questions.

Fire precept decision

THE fire authority will be asked not to raise the amount it charges in council tax this year at its meeting on February 9.

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Xbox-controlled robot a life-saver

Matthew Dodds with his robot

A STUDENT is hoping his robot can come to the rescue and help him win a world championship.

Matthew Dodds, 21, from Walnut Tree, is working on a robot that can help find trapped survivors in disasters and is controlled by the motion-sensitive Xbox Kinect.

He is working on the robot with other members of the Mobile Robotics team at Warwick University, where he is studying electronic engineering, and will enter the European Robocup Rescue Championship in Germany this spring.

If the team is successful it will qualify for the world championships in Turkey in July.

Matthew said: "As a keen follower of the international state of robotics, I relish in the chance to work with such a fantastic team of brilliant minds at the University of Warwick."

The robot, which can crawl over difficult terrain, won the European championship last year when it was entered by the university's previous team.

Matthew is hoping adding real-time visual communication and 3D mapping with Kinect will make it even more successful.

The team must raise about £20,000 in order to travel to the competitions and pay for new components.

■ To sponsor the team, e-mail mobilerobotics@warwick.ac.uk.

Young mothers' group wins award for poster

A GROUP of young city mums has been praised for raising awareness of domestic violence.

The mums, aged between 16 and 24, were applauded by the mayor of Milton Keynes, Cllr Debbie Brock, for designing a poster highlighting the effects of abuse.

The poster won the Arts Award from SaferMK and the mums have now been nominated to receive a grant to continue to raise awareness of domestic violence.

The three women and their children all live in a Mother and Baby Project run by Orbit Heart of England and funded by Supporting People.

Marie Robinson, project manager at the Mother and Baby Project, said: "As ever, our young mums have risen to the challenge set before them. They used their own experiences and produced an amazing poster.

"The poster highlights how domestic abuse affects children as well as adults. The mums worked hard on the poster and are very proud of their achievement, as we all are."

Natalie Webster, SaferMK reducing public place violence co-coordinator, added: "SaferMK was really impressed by the poster that was produced.

"It was so visually impactive that it has been used by charities across the country as well being seen as best practice by the Home Office.

"We would like to thank the women who designed this poster as it has raised the issue of domestic abuse across communities in Milton Keynes and throughout the country."

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Discover MK at Central Library

Residents invited to donate items for display

PEOPLE are being asked to donate items to an exhibition highlighting the city's history.

Discover Milton Keynes Phase 2 was launched by the mayor Cllr Debbie Brock at the Central Library on Thursday.

The display includes The History of Milton Keynes in 100 Objects and the first 15 items, including a rotor from the famous Enigma Second World War code-cracking machine, Bradwell Abbey seal and slavery currency, will be on display until March 9.

Henk Van Aswegen, director at the City Discovery Centre, which has donated some of the items, said: "We would absolutely love to hear from people who are willing to donate an item which is relevant to the history of Milton Keynes."

The exhibition takes over from the Phase 1 display, which was held at a unit in thecentre:mk and closed in September.

Cllr Chris Williams, responsible for heritage at Milton Keynes Council, said: "During the two-and-a-half-years that Phase 1 was open, the average number of monthly visits more than tripled.

"Now Phase 2 will emulate that success within the Central Library with improved exhibition facilities to enable historic museum objects and artwork to be regularly displayed in the city centre for the first time and to signpost people to the amazing museums, archives and heritage venues and collections throughout the borough."

The council, Milton Keynes Museum, the Cowper and Newton Museum in Olney, Bletchley Park, Living Archive, and Buckinghamshire County Museum have also contributed items to the exhibition.

Anyone who would like to donate an item to the display can call the City Discovery Centre on 01908 227229. For more details e-mail heritage @milton-keynes.gov.uk.

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Make a splash at Swimathon

RESIDENTS are being urged to make a splash and raise thousands of pounds for charity in just one day.

Every year, the Rotary Club of Milton Keynes holds its Swimathon and in 2010 it raised a record £30,000.

Now it needs teams to enter this year's event to help charities such as Willen Hospice, Bletchley Park Trust, MK Bowel Cancer Trust, MK Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Group, Artworks MK and others supported by Rotary International.

The event has raised more than £375,000 for local good causes since 1994.

Rotary Club of Milton Keynes spokesman Carola Holz said: "We want to get more teams involved and we have a few slots left to fill.

"It's quite a lot of fun and a really good event. The teams dress up and choose fancy names and the whole pool is full of laughter and children having fun.

"Teams are up to six, but we even have teams of one swimming the full 55 minutes.

"The main thing is people are doing something for their community by having fun."

One of the teams at last year's Rotary Club Swimathon

Teams of up to six swimmers can enter the event, being held at Stantonbury Leisure Centre on March 12, provided they can swim 33 metres unaided and children have parental permission.

Swimmers take it in turns to do a length and on average teams clock up around 100 lengths in 55 minutes.

There is also a special event for disabled swimmers on February 26 in Newport Pagnell.

■ For more information on the event, visit www.rotary-milton-keynes.org, e-mail jim@huggan.com, or call 01908 506448.

Roundabout for holiday village gets green light

A NEW holiday village is a step closer to being built.

As reported by MK NEWS last month, Center Parcs' proposed Woburn Forest Holiday Village in Warren Wood, near Millbrook, could bring 1,200 new jobs to the area.

The international leisure resort company has now announced it has reached an agreement with Central Bedfordshire Council to start the construction of a new roundabout at the junction of Fordfield Road and the A507 to provide access to the village, due to open in 2013.

This also includes the construction of the first 30 metres of the entrance road off Fordfield Road and a new cycle path to run from that entrance to Ampthill, which includes an equestrian/cycle signal-controlled crossing on the A507.

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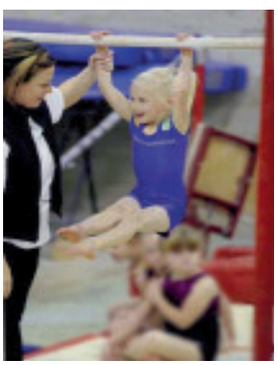

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Belly dancers at last year's Diversity Ball, which was also organised by Milton Keynes Equality Council

Showcase for city's diversity

THE city's cultural diversity will be celebrated in a spectacular show later this year.

DiverseArts:LIVE will bring all the different communities together to showcase their culture, traditions and entertainment.

The show, which is being organised by Milton Keynes Equality Council, will open with a fashion show, followed by performances from a range of singers, dancers, comedians and actors, all of whom must be of a professional, to semi-professional standard.

It is hoped the show will bring communities together and make the city a place where people from all cultures can live, work and play without the fear of racial discrimination or hate crime.

Navrita Atwal, director of the Equality Council, said: "The DiverseArts:LIVE production will enable us to achieve our mission of creating a city where people can enjoy some level of peace, harmony and tranquillity. Our continued work with all sections of the community will one day make this a reality.

"We know that hate crime and discrimination exist in our city. A lot has been done in terms of equality, but there is still a lot more to do. We must not become complacent.

"The majority of the hate crime incidents we receive are neighbours not getting on well with each other because of cultural differences.

"I know that if we continue to educate and readdress the issues, we can make some difference in society."

The show will take place at Milton Keynes Theatre on September 18 at 6.30pm. Auditions will be held in May.

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City MPs welcome think tank ranking

THE city's MPs have welcomed a report which places Milton Keynes at the forefront of the country's economic recovery.

As reported last week, think-tank Centre for Cities ranked MK in the top five 'cities to watch', alongside Reading, Leeds, Bristol and Aberdeen.

It stated: "These places will be better-insulated from the economic impact of the spending squeeze and have high potential to create private sector jobs.

"They have lower vulnerability to public sector job losses and spending cuts and given the right powers and freedoms could make an even bigger contribution to the national economic recovery."

Milton Keynes also has the seventh highest earnings in the UK and is ranked among the lowest for forecast public and private sector job losses.

Mark Lancaster, MP for Milton Keynes North, said: "I am delighted to see Milton Keynes is being held up as an example of economic resilience.

"It is not all plain sailing here, and my team continues to assist scores of people who are struggling with job losses in these tough financial times.

"But the report's findings vindicate the founding principles of Milton Keynes as a place of opportunity and prosperity."

Mark Lancaster: MP for Milton Keynes North

Iain Stewart: MP for Milton Keynes South

His MK South counterpart Iain Stewart said: "Milton Keynes has always been and remains a unique city. I am pleased with the report's findings but remain mindful that more needs to be done for constituents who remain unemployed.

"The Open University and MK College are positioning themselves to assist companies with any skills gap in the city and I feel assured of an even better outlook for Milton Keynes."

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Man had three jobs but claimed benefit

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Michael Appiah, 53, of Akerlea Close, Netherfield, failed to tell Milton Keynes Council he had three different jobs and claimed £17,650.50 in housing and council tax benefit between February 12, 2007 and January 3, 2010.

He admitted three counts of benefit fraud when he appeared at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on Thursday, January 20.

He had previously denied the charges and the matter was set for trial, but he changed his plea a few days before the hearing.

The court heard Appiah was caught when he renewed his claim for housing and council tax benefit in February 2010.

In mitigation the court heard his wife was not working and they had not claimed child benefit, which caused financial hardship.

Appiah was ordered to do 180 hours unpaid work for the community and pay £1,000 costs.

A council spokesman said: "People should always tell us when their circumstances change and this man had ample opportunity to do so. We will always listen to people with genuine difficulties but where there is an obvious flouting of the law we will pursue every case vigorously."

Air ambulance launches 'Heartbeats' fundraiser

A LIFE-SAVING service is urging residents to support its latest fundraising campaign.

The Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust (TVACAA), which covers the city, has launched its One Million Heartbeats campaign.

It is asking people to buy a 'heartbeat' for a £1 to help it reach its target of £1million, which will help keep the service running 365 days a year.

Pat Conafray, head of fundraising, said: "We hope the community fully backs this campaign because we really do rely on them, so they can rely on us."

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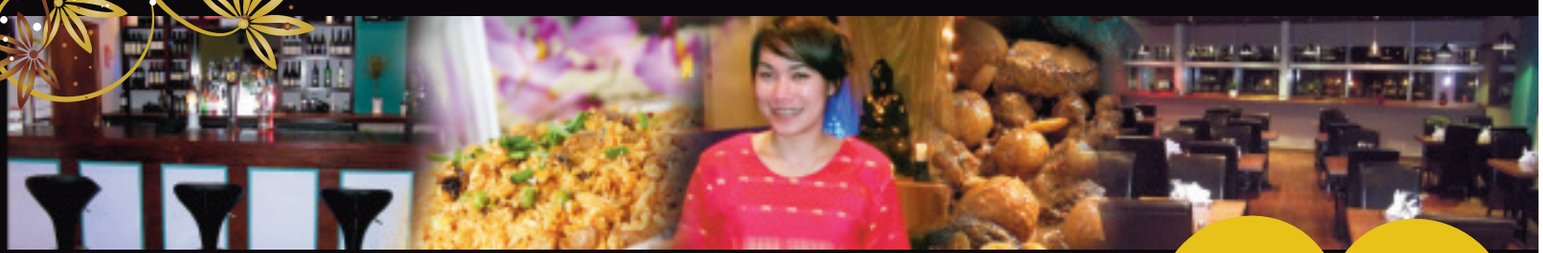

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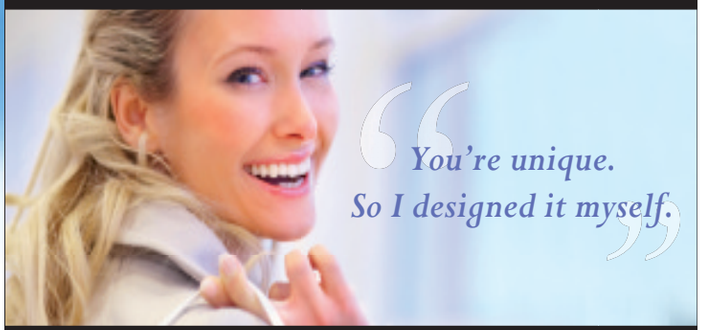

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SIMON DARNELL

PRICE TAG
Jessie J

THERE seems to be a couple of versions of this song doing the rounds.

One features BOB and it's a fairly easy-going way to pass three-and-a-half minutes. More importantly, it proves that the critics were right when they said she could sing, in the same way that Do It Like A Dude doesn't.

I don't mind this version too much, it's a nice change of pace from its predecessor.

Not quite sure why she's singing with an American accent, but British singers have been doing that for years and I'm almost positive they won't stop doing that just because it irks me.

Now then, the other version.

Wailing guitars kick things off, followed by a set of drums that get battered so much during the course of the song that I almost felt sorry for them by the end.

By the time we get to the featured guest star, BOB's been replaced by Devlin, which rather sums up how much of an overhaul the song's undergone.

The tune's still there and so's Jessie J, but it's played completely differently.

I'll be honest with you, I'm not sure which version I prefer, but yeah, this song's alright.

If nothing else, it makes a refreshing change to be given a choice between two completely different recordings of the same song rather than a radio edit and an album version.

NITON (THE REASON)
Eric Prydz

NITON? Sounds like something that's prescription-only, but that's by the by.

The problem that I've got here is that the song's actually pretty disappointing.

Eric Prydz made Steve Winwood cool again, he nearly gave Pink Floyd a second Number One single and when he came up with stuff of his own he gave the world the really-not-bad-at-all Pjanoo.

So what's gone wrong here?

Well, for one thing, it lasts for two minutes and 44 seconds, but because it's so repetitive it feels much longer.

It's all a bit low-key which doesn't really help its cause, because without any so-called 'big moments', there's nothing here to hold the attention.

Mind you, there's nothing here that even managed to grab my attention, and that's very unusual for an Eric Prydz song.

There's no little flourishes or anything that stands out here – it just meanders along until the end.

Considering you're meant to dance to this song, it's a wonder I didn't nod off instead.

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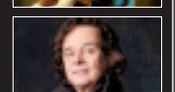

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Kate Hudson, Gael Garcia Bernal, Kathy Bates

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Mark Wahlberg and Christian Bale in The Fighter

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THURSDAY

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WOMEN'S Walking Network. A walk for women around Ouse Valley Park. Meet in the Wolverton Mill car park, Stratford Road. £1 per person. 10.30am.

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Milton Keynes Scale Model Club is one of the UK's premier model clubs with members of all abilities and their goal is to foster the hobby of model making and to try to encourage others to take it up or perhaps return to what they enjoyed as a child.

Like most hobbyists, the members are all amateurs, holding down jobs and raising families, and recognise that leisure time cannot be wasted.

However they are keen to assist fellow modellers of all skill levels in finding what is on offer, where to find it and how sometimes simple steps can improve their model skills.

The club welcomes new members at its meetings at the Cranfield University Social club on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 8pm.

For more information visit www.mksmc.co.uk, or contact the club secretary by emailing timupsonsmith@live.co.uk.

Milton Keynes Scale Model Club president, Dave Scott, shows one of his exquisite miniature figures

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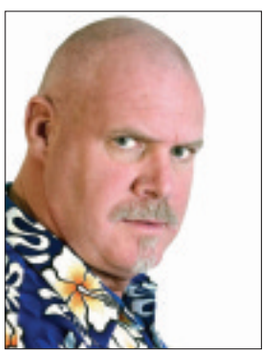

Colin Cole

THE COMEDY CLUB

City Limits, Xcsape
Thursday, February 3. 8.30pm

Let The Comedy Club put a spring in your step and laughter in your belly with the year's first show.

There's a brilliant line-up with three top stand-up comedians from the UK comedy circuit.

MC is Harvey Oliver who starred in Bugsy Malone, among other things, so if he seems familiar than he probably is.

As an actor he was a star of many a sitcom, including Only Fools and Horses.

Harvey has found himself playing to sell out clubs across the country on the strength of just one or two open mic spots. His style can range from loud and in-yer-face to honest observations about life and the entertainment business.

Opening is Anil Desai who began his career starring in the award-winning BBC sketch show series Goodness Gracious Me.

As a fan of pop-culture, he followed this by creating his own comedy sketch group The Giant Pineapple Boys and co-hosted on the ever popular live late show Spank! He has had more than 25,000 hits on Comedybox online with his awe-inspiring act of performing 52 impressions in just five minutes.

Headliner Colin Cole is literally one of the biggest names in comedy in Australia – not only is he 6ft 7ins, he is also known for his hugely dynamic performance.

His delivery is fast and furious, and his material ranges from the topical to the observational.

Colin Cole's comedy TV credits read like a guide to Australian television. He has toured extensively in the US, Canada and Hawaii and now he's also taking the UK by storm.

He's been described by The New York Times as 'One of the most exciting performers to come out of Australia since Skippy'.

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Anil Desai

Chris Martin

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Thu 3
BEAN THROWING FESTIVAL
Join the Nipponzan Myohoji monks and celebrate the coming of spring. Park in the Peace Pagoda car park, V10 Brickhill Street. **North Willen 6pm Free**

Sun 6
WAGGY WALK
Meet in the Stonepit Field car park, Wolverton Road. **Stonepit Field 10:00 – 11:30 £1/dog**

Sat 19
NUTTY ABOUT NATURE
Short course for adults: Gardening for Wildlife. Encourage more wildlife into your garden with the RSPB advisory service. Park at Campbell Park Pavilion. **Campbell Park Pavilion 10:00 – 3:00 £10/person***

Tue 22
MARVELLOUS MUDDY ADVENTURE
We'll be designing umbrellas and going on a muddy trail. Park in Peace Pagoda car park, V10 Brickhill Street. **Willen Lake North 10:30 – 12:00 £5/child***

Thu 24
FOREST FUN
Learn about the great outdoors. Park in car park off Wickstead Ave, Grange Farm. **Hazeley Wood 10:30 – 12:30 £3/child***

Fri 25
X-TREME SURVIVAL CAMP
Learn survival techniques. **For children aged 10+ only.** Park in car park off Wickstead Ave, Grange Farm. **Hazeley Wood 10:30 – 12:30 £3/child***

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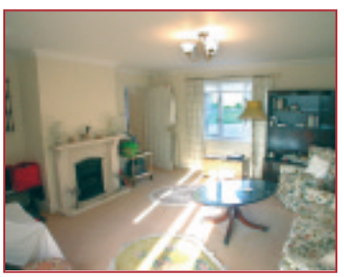


PARK VIEWS

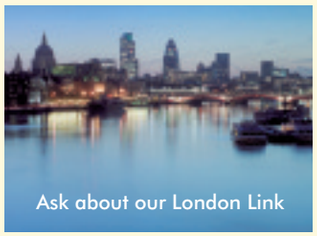
BLACK & White estate agents is pleased to offer this detached five-bedroom property set back from the roadside with an impressive block-paved driveway to the house.

Set in the sought-after area of Bletchley Park in Milton Keynes, the house is within walking distance of Bletchley main line station and nearby park.

The property has been extended and upgraded by the current owners and offers a sitting room, dining room, study, two ensuites, kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory and double garage with electrically operated doors.

Offered at £499,995, internal viewing, by appointment, is highly recommended to appreciate the excellent decorative condition of the property.

■ To find out more information about this property, or to arrange a viewing, call Black & White estate agents on 01908 550660.



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Hartwell £625,000

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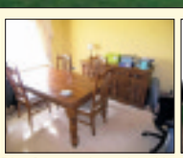
• Ample Off Road Parking • Offers Many Charming Features

Walnut Tree £465,000

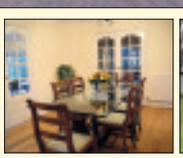
• This recently built 4 bedroom detached
• situated in an attractive cul-de-sac. • 3 Reception Rooms
• 2 en suites a family bathroom• Generous dressing room to the master.
• Double garage style car port • Mature and private gardens to the rear.

Furzton £600,000



• An impressive five bedroom detached residence • Benefiting from an elevated position looking down onto Furzton Lake. • The standard of the property's decorative order is excellent throughout. • Offering extensive off road parking. • Detached double garage.
• Four receptions. • Five bedrooms. • Three en-suites and family bathroom. • This imposing property must be viewed early to avoid disappointment.

Shenley Church End £725,000



• Six Bedroom Detached Property • Five/Six Reception Rooms
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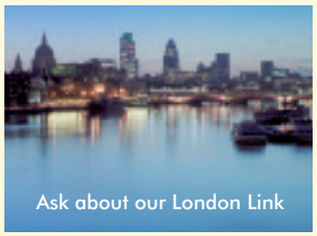

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- Double garage and off parking

Downhead Park £495,000

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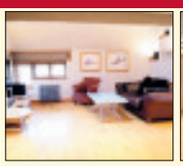

- 4 Bedroom Detached Property
- 34ft Kitchen/Breakfast/Dining Room
- En Suite to Master
- Landscaped Rear Garden
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Detached Double Garage
- Viewing Recommended

Broughton £550,000

NEW PRICE

- 5 bedroom detached house
- Stunning kitchen/diner
- Two reception rooms
- 4 bath/shower rooms
- Rear garden has been beautifully landscaped
- Parking for approx 4/6 cars
- Detached double garage.

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Two Mile Ash £395,000

- 5 Bedrooms
- Detached Property
- Lounge • Study
- Kitchen/Breakfast/Family Room
- Dressing Room & Ensuite
- Gardens
- Detached Double Garage

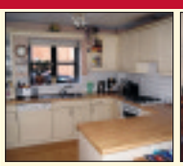
Shenley Church End £335,000

MAKE AN OFFER

- Executive Residence
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Sought After Location
- 23' Kitchen/Dining Room
- Conservatory
- En Suite To Master
- Garage and Garden
- Must Be Viewed!

Shenley Brook End £350,000

MAKE AN OFFER



- A three storey 4 bedroom detached property
- Situated on a corner plot
- Extended dual aspect lounge • Dining room
- Kitchen/breakfast and utility • Conservatory
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Driveway leading to the double garage
- Ample off road parking and a fully enclosed rear garden.

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Downhead Park £122,500

- Two Bedroom
- Ground Floor
- Apartment
- Open Plan Living Area
- Communal Gardens
- Viewing Recommended

Willen £299,995

- Five Bedroom Executive Home
- Three Reception Rooms
- En Suite to Master Bedroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking & Garage
- No Upper Chain

Great Holm £299,950

- Four Bedroom
- Spilt Level Detached
- En Suite to Master
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Parking & Garage
- No Upper Chain

Medbourne £169,950

- Three Bedroom Property
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Cloakroom
- Gardens to Front and Rear
- Garage
- No Upper Chain

Monkston Park Offers Over £145,000

- Immaculate Condition
- Two Double Bedroom
- Top Floor Executive Apartment
- Double Glazing
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen/Diner
- Refitted Kitchen

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Heelands £69,950

- One Bedroom
- Second Floor Apartment
- Over 55's Only
- Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking
- Communal Gardens

Browns Wood OIEO £118,000

- Two Bedroom
- Semi Detached
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Allocated Parking
- Viewing Recommended

Medbourne OIEO £50,000

- One Bedroom
- Ground Floor
- Apartment
- 50% Shared Ownership
- Allocated Parking
- Communal Garden

Blakelands OIEO £230,000

- Well Presented
- Three Bedroom
- Detached Property
- Conservatory
- En Suite To Master
- Garage and Gardens

Central Milton Keynes OIEO £80,000

- Two Bedroom
- Second Floor Apartment
- Central Location
- Communal Garden
- Underground Parking
- Shared Ownership

Furzton OIEO £95,000

- One Bedroom Property
- Double Glazing
- Shower Room
- One Reception Room
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended

Conniburrow OIEO £90,000

- Two Bedroom
- First Floor
- Refurbished Apartment
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Viewing Recommended

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Broughton OIEO £155,000

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- Very Well Presented
- Two Double Bedroom
- Apartment
- Double Glazing
- En Suite to Master
- Viewing Recommended

Crownhill £175,995

MAKE AN OFFER

- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

Netherfield OIEO £110,000

MAKE AN OFFER

- Second Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Lounge/Diner
- Allocated Parking

Grange Farm OIEO £50,000

MAKE AN OFFER

- One Bedroom
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Kitchen & Lounge
- Bathroom
- Allocated Parking

Westcroft OIEO £65,000

MAKE AN OFFER

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Ground Floor
- Shared Ownership
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Allocated Parking

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Two Mile Ash £77,000

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- One Bedroom Property
- Double Glazing
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Viewing Recommended

Oldbrook £107,995

MAKE AN OFFER

- One Bedroom Property
- Lounge/Dining Room/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended

Bancroft Park £168,995

MAKE AN OFFER

- Two Bedroom
- Semi Detached
- Double Glazing
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Single Garage

Walnut Tree £157,000

MAKE AN OFFER

- Semi Detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden
- Viewing Recommended

Fishermead £125,000

MAKE AN OFFER

- Extremely Well Presented
- Bungalow
- Double Glazing
- One Double Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Rear Garden

Bradwell Common £275,000

MAKE AN OFFER

- Extremely Well Presented
- Four Bedroom Detached
- Three Reception Rooms
- En Suite to Master
- Parking & Garage
- Rear Garden

Kents Hill £189,995

MAKE AN OFFER

- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage
- Viewing Recommended

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Wolverton Guide £165,000

MAKE AN OFFER

- Three Bedroom Victorian Terrace
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden
- Garage

Wolverton Guide Price £144,995

MAKE AN OFFER

- Three Bedrooms
- Victorian Style
- Terraced Home
- Double Glazing
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Refitted Kithen and Bathroom

Deanshanger £144,995

MAKE AN OFFER

- Three Bedroom
- Semi Detached
- No Upper Chain
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Garden

Stony Stratford £165,000

MAKE AN OFFER

- Extended semi detached
- Three bedrooms
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Kitchen/diner
- Lounge and family room
- Gardens to front and rear

New Bradwell Guide Price £135,000

MAKE AN OFFER

- Mid Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Garden

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Castlethorpe OIEO £100,000

MAKE AN OFFER

- Well Presented
- One Bedroom
- Second Floor Flat
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Viewing Recommended

New Bradwell £169,995

MAKE AN OFFER

- Well Presented
- Three Bedroom
- Double Cellar
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Utility Room
- Refitted Family Bathroom
- Garden

Two Mile Ash £65,000

MAKE AN OFFER

- Terraced House
- One Bedroom
- Refitted Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Garden
- 50% Shared Ownership

Wolverton Guide £130,000

MAKE AN OFFER

- Four Bedrooms
- Mid Terrace
- Double Glazing
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Shower Room
- Rear Garden

Wolverton Guide £170,000

MAKE AN OFFER

- Well Presented Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Shower Room
- Rear Garden
- Single Garage
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

Castlethorpe £140,000

MAKE AN OFFER

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

Deanshanger Guide £144,995

MAKE AN OFFER

- Refurbished Victorian style property
- Two bedrooms
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Lounge/diner
- Rear garden

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Fenny Stratford OIEO £90,000

- Victorian style
- Well presented
- Two bedroom
- End terrace property
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Re-fitted bathroom

Rivers OIEO £140,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Garage

Bletchley OIEO £140,000

- Well Presented
- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

Trees Estate OIEO £180,000

- Semi Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage

Bletchley Guide £179,995

- End of Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Ensuite to Master Bedroom
- Allocated Parking
- Rear Garden

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Eaton Mill Guide Price £145,000

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedroom
- Front & Rear Garden
- Garage

Bletchley £142,000

- Mid terraced home
- Three bedrooms
- Re-fitted kitchen/diner
- Gardens to front and rear
- Garage in block

Simpson OIEO £190,000

- Semi detached house
- Three double bedrooms
- Separate reception rooms
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Gardens to front and rear
- Off road parking

Bletchley £279,995

- Extended Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen & Cloakroom
- En Suite & Dressing Room to Master
- Off Road Parking
- Double Garage
- Viewing Recommended

Saints £184,995

- Extended Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Utility Room
- Front and Rear Gardens

Bletchley OIEO £200,000

- Semi Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Family Room
- Two Ensuite Bathrooms
- Front & Rear Garden
- Garage

Bletchley Guide Price £170,000

- Well Pesented
- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Double Garage
- No Upper Chain

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Westcroft £219,995

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master Bedroom
- Landscaped Rear Garden
- Driveway and Garage

Newton Longville £190,000

- Character Mid Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Garden

Oxley Park Guide Price £330,000

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Three Bathrooms/Ensuites
- Rear Garden
- Driveway and Double Garage
- Internal Viewing Recommended

Oxley Park Offers In Excess Of £135,000

- One/Two Bedrooms
- Town House
- One Reception Room
- Off Road Parking

Kingsmead £365,000

- Well Presented
- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Driveway and Double Garage
- Front and Rear Gardens

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Kingsmead Guide Price £290,000

- Well Presented
- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Two Ensuites
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Carport and Garage

Shenley Lodge £150,000

- Semi Detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage

Tattenhoe £150,950

- Two Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Garage
- No Upper Chain

Westcroft Offers In Excess Of £235,000

- Well Presented
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage

Oxley Park £235,000

- Four bedroom property
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Lounge/diner
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Master bedroom with dressing area and en suite
- Enclosed rear garden
- Garage and off road parking

Medbourne £67,500

- Well Presented
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedroom
- Allocated Parking
- Communal Parking
- 50% Shared Ownership Scheme

Emerson Valley Offers IEO £55,000

- Top Floor Maisonette
- Two Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- Offered For Sale At A 50% Share
- No Upper Chain

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Newport Pagnell £175,000

- Victorian Terrace
- Two/Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted En suite
- Front and Rear Gardens

Newport Pagnell £285,000

- Four/Five Bedroom
- Extended Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- En Suite to Master
- Front, Side & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Single Garage

Olney £95,000

- One Bedroom
- Cluster Home
- Cul-De-Sac Postion
- Private Parking

Wollaston Guide Price £150,000

- Terraced Property
- Recently Refurbished
- UPVC Double Glazed
- Three Bedrooms
- No Upper Chain

Newport Pagnell £117,500

- One Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- kitchen
- Bathroom
- Garden

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Yardley Hastings Guide Price £130,000

- Well Presented
- Double Fronted
- Stone Built
- Character Cottage
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Garden
- No Onward Chain

Newport Pagnell £60,000

- One Bedroom
- Lounge/ Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom

Bozeat Guide Price £185,000

- Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Lounge/Diner
- En suite & Family Bathroom
- Garden & Garage
- Off Road Parking

Newport Pagnell £200,000

- Detached property
- Four bedroom
- Lounge/diner
- Cloakroom/utility
- Integral garage
- Gardens to front and rear
- Off road parking

Newport Pagnell £150,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Semi Detached Property
- Sought Ater Location
- One Reception Room
- Off Road Parking
- Garden

Bozeat Guide Price £160,000

- Well Presented
- Cul de Sac Location
- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- UPVC Double Glazed Conservatory
- Front, Rear and Side Gardens
- Driveway and Single Garage

Lavendon £140,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- lounge
- Kitchen
- Front & Rear Garden

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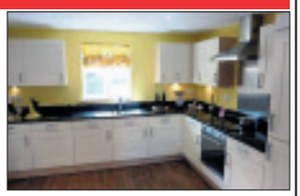


- Luxury 2 bedroom apartment, Wharf style
- Seperate living rooms, most with Juliet balcony
- Master bedrooms have en suites and wardrobes
- Allocated parking
- Walking distance to Leighton Buzzard station

5 BED DETACHED NEAR WILLEN LAKE £294,999

MAKE AN OFFER

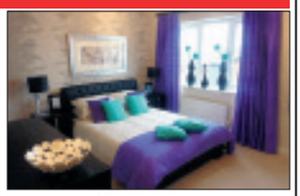
- Rarely available in this popular location
- Detached new home
- Part Exchange
- Annex style ground floor
- Picture shows semi detached

UNIQUE BRAND NEW 3 BEDROOM HOME £205,000

MAKE AN OFFER

- Semi detached
- Set in peaceful no through road
- Double block paviour parking
- Offering generous garden
- Quick access to A5, A416 trunk roads

WALTON GRANGE, NEAR CALDECOTTE LAKE £257,000



- 3 Double bedrooms
- Master suite has a dressing room and en suite
- Brand new detached home (photo shows semi)
- Contemporary quality kitchen with integrated appliances
- Close to Walnut Tree and Simpson Village

RARELY AVAILABLE 3 BEDROOMS £197,000

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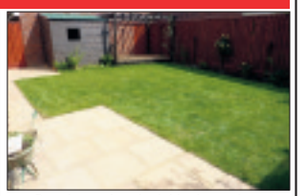
- Brand new mid terrace traditional home
- Doorless garage with parking
- En suite to the master bedroom
- Ideal lake side location
- Ready now

CONTEMPORARY HOME £275,000

MAKE AN OFFER

- 4 bedroom detached new home
- Open plan kitchen diner
- Top floor devoted to master suite
- Double parking driveway to a garage
- Excellent access to M1

DECEPTIVELY LARGE VILLAGE HOME £330,000



- Brand new detached 4 bedroom home
- Generouse rooms, 2 en suites
- Rarely available
- Garage
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- Reduced Price

2 BED APARTMENTS, EAST MILTON KEYNES £154,995

MAKE AN OFFER

- Brand new 2 bedroom apartments
- En suite to master bedroom
- Allocated parking
- East Milton Keynes
- High specification

HUGE DUPLEX APARTMENT £215,000

MAKE AN OFFER

- 2 double bedroom home
- Kitchen/Diner with Juliet balcony
- Bedrooms with en suites
- Undercroft parking
- Walking distance to town centre

SHOWHOME SOLD AS SEEN £324,995

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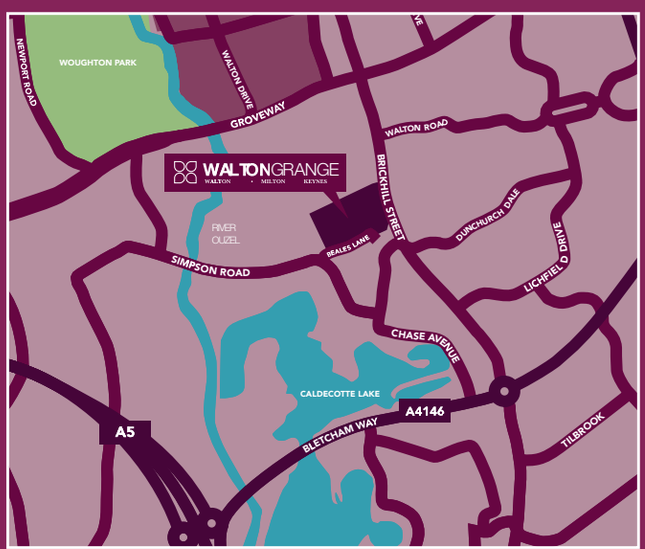

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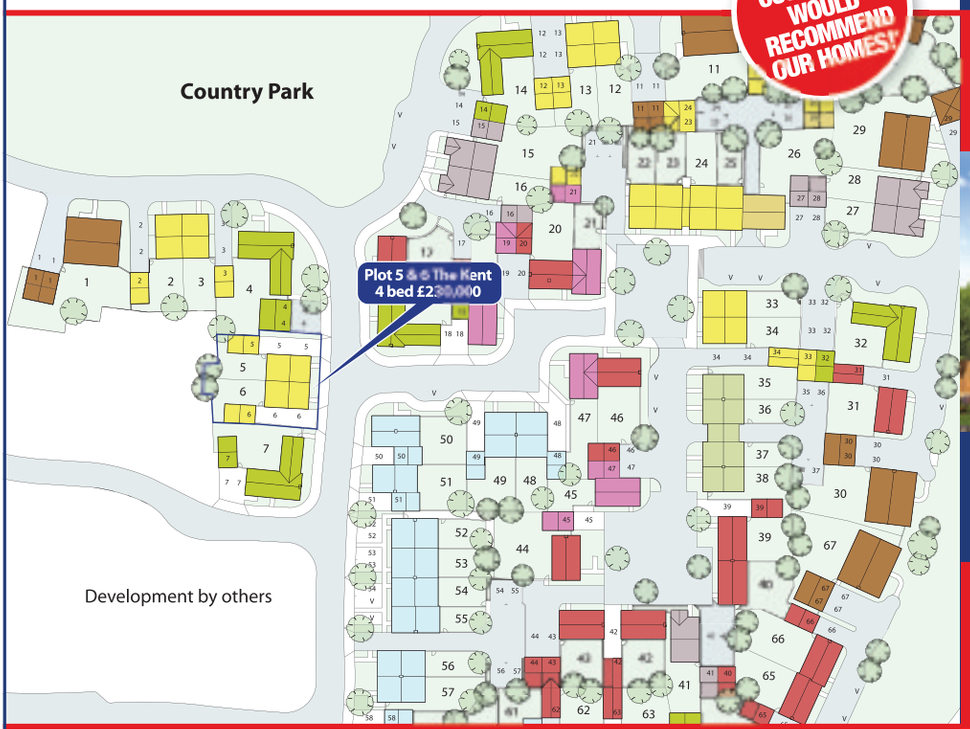

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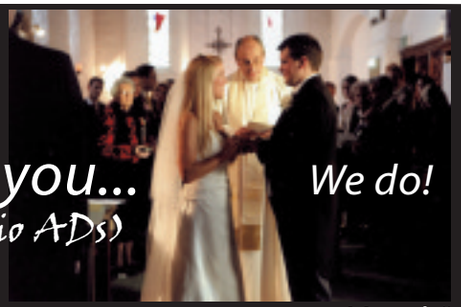

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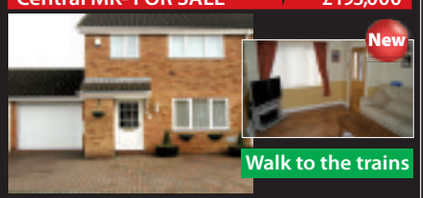

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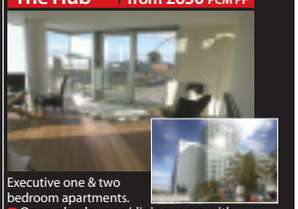

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Interview date: 18th February

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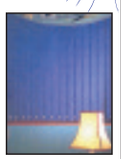

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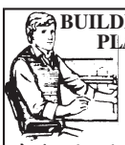

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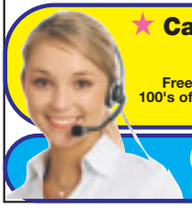

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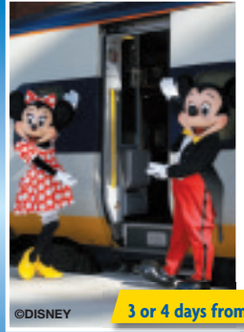

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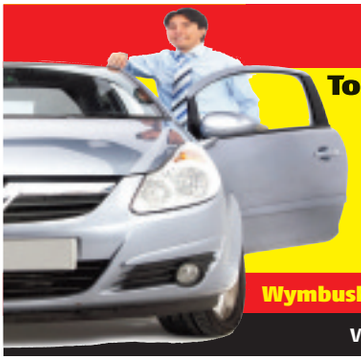

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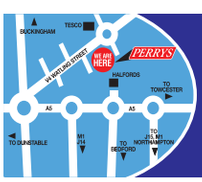

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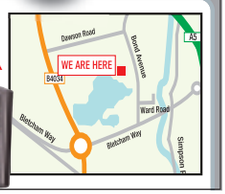

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DONS' SCORE FIRST

August

7	Walsall	A	2-1
10	Dag & Red H (Carling Cup)	H	2-1
21	Carlisle	A	1-4
24	Blackpool (Carling Cup)	H	4-3
28	Swindon	H	2-1

September

4	Hartlepool	H	1-0
11	Brighton	A	0-2
15	Southampton	H	2-0
18	Rochdale	H	1-1
21	Birmingham (Carling Cup)	A	1-3
25	Peterborough	A	1-2
28	Charlton	A	0-1

October

2	Colchester	H	1-1
5	Charlton (JPT)	H	1-2
9	Dag & Red	H	2-0
16	Bournemouth	A	2-3
23	Exeter	H	1-0
30	Tranmere	A	2-4

November

2	Yeovil	H	3-2
6	Stevenage (FAC)	A	0-0
13	Brentford	A	2-0
16	Stevenage (FAC)	H	1-1
	(Stevenage win 7-6 on penalties)		
20	Sheff Wed	H	1-4
23	Huddersfield	A	1-4

December

11	Notts County	A	0-2
28	Bournemouth	H	2-0

January

1	Bristol Rovers	H	2-0
3	Yeovil	A	0-1
8	Exeter	A	1-1
15	Tranmere	H	2-0
18	Plymouth	H	1-3
22	Dag & Red	A	1-0
25	Leyton Orient	A	2-2

February

2	Bristol Rovers	A
5	Sheff Wed	A
12	Brentford	H
15	Leyton Orient	H
19	Hartlepool	A
22	Oldham	H
26	Brighton	H

March

5	Rochdale	A
8	Charlton	H
12	Colchester	A
21	Peterborough	H
25	Walsall	H

April

2	Southampton	A
9	Carlisle	H
16	Swindon	A
22	Huddersfield	H
25	Plymouth	A
30	Notts County	H

May

7	Oldham	A

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MK Dons assistant manager JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

EVERY year the transfer windows provide drama and panic buying and clearly this season was no different.

There is a lot of debate as to whether the windows should be scrapped, but I can see the positives.

I quite like the idea that once you have made your mind up about your squad you have to stick with it until the next window. If you're good coaches you can work the people rather than just go out and splash the cash.

Some club's can go out and just buy the best players where as you can prove yourself as a good manager or coach by working with the same team and sticking with them.

I'd like to be in the position that some of the top managers have been in where they can just go out and buy £30million players.

Does that make them a better coach? I'm not so sure.

One thing that's changed in the game is player power with players now handing in transfer requests.

I can appreciate the players' and coaches' perspective on the matter.

If you've got someone who is not getting games regularly you can only wish them well because they need to be playing football, so you have to see two sides of the story.

Sometimes players have to think about themselves and what is best for their career - you can't always think about the club.

The downside to the transfer window is it can be unsettling for players.

That's what happened to Jermaine Easter and it didn't help us at all, we lost a good player.

As soon as the approach from Crystal Palace was turned down in the summer – even though he tried to give his best in some ways – the 'if only' began to play on his mind.

We were busy before Monday's deadline bringing in Keanu Marsh-Brown, another exciting youngster who will provide us with some pace out wide.

Yesterday we bid farewell to Mark Carrington, who was a great kid, but the move came down to him wanting to play every week.

Academy players all work on Plan B

BY SIMONE CORGAN
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Dan Glass with classroom assistant Vicky Golder

THE modern day football apprenticeship can be a ruthless environment.

A professional contract could disappear at the tear of a muscle, a poor attitude or a manager's decision.

At MK Dons there is already a handful of players who know the testing times that come with trying to make your name in football.

First year scholar Luis Bragg was released by Tottenham Hotspur after more than three years at the club when he failed to recover from a leg injury in time.

Braggs, a 17-year-old goalkeeper, shrugged off the disappointment because he's now determined to prove his worth in Milton Keynes.

"Everyone suffers a downside to football, I've had my disappointment and hopefully it won't happen again."

He has moved away from his family home in Surrey and now lives in digs with a family who, with financial backing from the club, allow him to lodge in their Kingsmead house.

Braggs has given up seeing his parents and friends every day so he can attend training and college with the Dons.

Second year scholar George Williams initially failed at trials with the Dons as a youngster and came back stronger, which led to trials with Arsenal – a big boost for his confidence although ultimately unsuccessful.

Williams, a Two Mile Ash resident, said: "I've taken rejection in a good way, and I've built on it by coming back trying to prove myself.

"It's a growing club and it's a good place to be. You can see the youth players getting into the first team so there's loads of chances for us.

"Adam Chicksen, Daniel Powell, Sam Baldock, even Dean Lewington, are proof that this club is going places and it's taking the youth with them."

With heartbreak and torn-up contracts part and parcel of the beautiful game academies focus on eduction to ensure there is a 'Plan B' in case a career in football fails to come to fruition.

The first and second year scholars head back to the classroom two days a week – picking up BTEC and NVQ qualifications that equate to the same as three, or four depending on the number of modules, A Levels as well as a coaching badge.

For some, the eduction side to the apprenticeship has more of an important impact.

Ryan Plowright, a first year scholar, suffers from dyslexia and with the support of lecturers, welfare officer Lisa Hosking and classroom assistant Vicky Golder he is able to strengthen his qualifications.

Plowright, a left winger, said: "I don't mind the learning side, it's good because I will always have a back-up in case I don't make it or get injuries. In school I didn't get that much help and I found it difficult but here I find it a lot easier, and they understand if I'm struggling."

When they are not studying the players are on the pitch training and preparing for games, but some traditions in football will never change, which is why they also spend time cleaning the first team players' boots.

It is naive and all too easy to say the teenagers at the Dons have a pressure free life. In March the second year apprentices will discover who, if any, will be offered a professional contract.

Those who don't make the cut will have to find themselves a new club, a job or head to university.

George Baldock, younger brother of Sam, has been called on by the first team this season and came on as a substitute in the win over Tranmere Rovers last month.

He would be well within his rights to think his place on the books next season is all but confirmed, however, that's not in his nature.

"I've applied for uni to keep my mum happy. If you start to think too confidently you're not going to better yourself. You can go out tomorrow get injured and that's your career gone so you have to keep your feet on the ground."

Director of youth Mike Dove, who has quietly gone about his business with the academy since the club's formation, now has the task of compiling DVDs and dossiers of his second year scholars to persuade chairman Pete Winkelman and Dons boss Karl Robinson to sign them up.

Then the work begins again.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

			HOME					AWAY						
1	Brighton	25	9	4	0	28	9	5	3	4	16	10	25	49
2	Bournemouth	27	10	1	2	32	10	3	6	5	16	18	20	46
3	Huddersfield	26	8	3	3	22	12	5	1	6	20	20	10	43
4	Southampton	25	7	4	3	23	9	5	1	5	20	13	21	41
5	Oldham	26	6	5	2	20	17	4	5	4	19	20	2	40
6	MK Dons	27	9	2	2	21	12	3	2	9	15	27	-3	40
7	Peterborough	25	9	1	3	36	25	3	2	7	15	23	3	39
8	Charlton	24	6	3	3	15	15	4	5	3	26	20	6	38
9	Colchester	25	6	6	2	23	21	3	5	3	11	13	0	38
10	Rochdale	25	4	6	2	19	15	5	3	5	16	15	5	36
11	Carlisle	24	6	5	3	24	15	3	3	4	12	11	10	35
12	Sheff Wed	25	6	4	3	20	11	4	1	7	18	19	8	35
13	Exeter	26	6	4	2	24	17	3	4	7	13	26	-6	35
14	Hartlepool	25	4	3	4	18	22	5	4	5	9	13	-8	34
15	Plymouth	28	5	4	6	18	21	4	2	7	17	24	-10	33
16	Leyton Orient	24	6	3	2	21	12	2	5	6	17	24	2	32
17	Brentford	26	4	3	5	13	17	5	2	7	17	17	-4	32
18	Notts County	24	7	0	5	17	12	2	4	6	14	19	0	31
19	Swindon	27	5	5	5	16	18	2	4	6	21	26	-7	30
20	Tranmere	25	5	3	5	17	19	3	3	6	12	18	-8	30
21	Yeovil	26	4	2	5	14	17	4	4	7	14	23	-12	30
22	Bristol Rovers	26	4	4	4	14	18	2	5	7	17	34	-21	27
23	Walsall	27	4	1	8	19	25	2	4	8	15	27	-18	23
24	Dag & Red	24	2	4	5	10	15	3	2	8	14	24	-15	21

Not including last night's games

COMING UP

BRISTOL ROVERS
League One
Today
Memorial Stadium KO 7.45pm

FOUR days after they were knocked for six by Walsall a battered Bristol Rovers side have to dust themselves down to face a resurgent MK Dons.

A winless run of 12 games came to an end in some style as Dave Penney's men beat rivals Swindon Town 3-1 two weeks ago, but Rovers then crashed to a 6-1 thrashing by relegation rivals Walsall last weekend.

The heavy defeat left a stunned Penney to admit: "Now I know why we are where we are."

And if Rovers are to get away from the bottom four their record at the Memorial Stadium - four wins, four draws and four defeats - will have to improve.

But they host a Dons side who have steadily improved their away form and are now unbeaten in four on the road.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY
League One
Saturday, February 5
Hillsborough Stadium KO 3pm

REPORTS suggest Alan Irvine is under extreme pressure in his managerial position at Sheffield Wednesday.

The Owls are one of a number of clubs in the midtable pack hunting down a place in the play-offs.

Wednesday snapped up Aston Villa midfielder Isaiah Osbourne on transfer deadline day.

When the two sides met earlier in the season Dons were left licking their wounds when the Owls picked up three points with a 4-1 victory.

On that day a Neil Mellor hat-trick proved the difference between the teams and Dons will be desperate to prevent the ex-Liverpool player from scoring again.

Last night Wednesday were in action at Peterborough United.

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Class apart: Dons academy keeper Luis Bragg on the training ground

Robinson hat-trick sinks Olney

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JOHN Robinson's hat-trick of tries helped Olney do the double over local rivals Bletchley.

Earlier in the season Olney edged out Bletchley 19-20 at Manor Fields, but on their own turf victory was more convincing.

Robinson opened the scoring with his first try of the day to give Olney the lead which was extended to 10-0 when James Hawken added a conversion and penalty.

Fly-half Phil Harman kicked two penalties before an unconverted try from Kevin Turnbull moved Bletchley ever closer to their hosts, who maintained the lead thanks to another Hawken penalty.

Before the break Robinson ran in a second try and the conversion saw Olney lead 20-11 at half-time.

When the sides resumed they exchanged penalties but Olney's grip on the game tightened when Hawken and Robinson scored tries either side of Matt Nobes' try for Bletchley.

The visitors bagged the final score of the game when Harman went over the line, but was unable to convert as the final score read nine points in Olney's favour.

■ NORTHAMPTON Saints have confirmed their Heineken Cup quarter final match against Ulster will take place on Sunday, April 10 at stadiummk.

Tickets are now on sale for season ticket holders only, associate members and registered supporters will also receive a priority booking period, with any unsold tickets expected to go on general sale at the end of February.

The match has been moved to Milton Keynes due to Franklin's Gardens limited capacity.

Kick-off at stadiummk is at 2pm.

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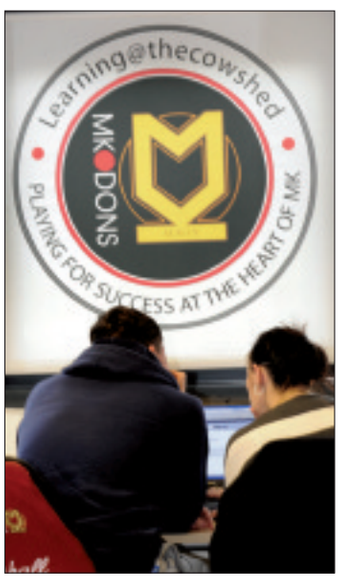

learning curve: Dan Glass gets down to work with assistant Vicky Golder

ICE HOCKEY

Lightning given six of the best

Seven match unbeaten run ended by on-fire Flames

MK Lightning's red hot form went up in smoke as Guildford Flames ended their seven match unbeaten run.

Nick Poole's Lightning boast the meanest defence in the league, but second-placed Flames were able to wrap up a 6-3 win at Planet Ice.

The defeat was a blow to Lightning's challenge to retain the league title, although they were able to bounce back with a hard-fought 7-3 win over Bracknell Bees.

Adam Brittle homes in on the Guildford goal Pic: Jezz Tibbetts

Lightning started brightly against the Flames with Gary Clarke firing them into the lead with 6.22 on the clock, yet the visitors took control when goals from Lukas Smital and Nathan Rempel saw them hold the advantage.

Five minutes into the second period Lightning levelled through Adam Brittle but David Longstaff netted minutes later to ensure Flames maintained their one goal lead.

Rick Plant doubled Flames' advantage at 45.09 before a Matt Towalski strike reduced the deficit.

However, Flames made sure of the three points with further scores from Smital and Rempel.

The following day Lightning travelled to Bracknell Bees where a Andre Smulter hat-trick helped Lightning to victory in a bad tempered game.

Lightning burst out of the blocks with goals from Gary Clarke, Smulter and Grant McPherson earning the side a 3-0 cushion at the end of the first period.

The next period was dominated by ill tempered play with Scott Spearing and Leigh Jamieson dropping gloves in the scrap.

Grant Rounding gave Bees a brief hope of revival, but it was short-lived as Lightning extended their lead thanks to the impressive Matt Towalski and Smulter.

Scores from Bees' Craig Tribe and Sam Waller were sandwiched either side of Smulter's hat-trick strike and Lightning's seventh from Clarke.

Lightning remain in fifth place, 15 points behind league leaders Manchester Phoenix although they do have five games in hand.

■ ON Saturday Lightning travel to Slough Jets, face-off 6.30pm, and on Sunday they host Basingstoke Bison at Planet Ice, face-off 5.30pm.

Cool Lions take the Heat

BASKETBALL

GUILDFORD HEAT 83
MK LIONS 87

A VALUABLE two points were collected by MK Lions as they dealt a blow to Guildford Heat's fading title challenge.

The Lions buried their poor away form to edge out seventh placed Heat and record their fourth win of the season.

Lions kept their cool to sink seven free throws in the closing minutes, which held off a strong fightback by Guildford.

The hosts had started the game the better side and the signs were ominous for Lions as they trailed 17-7 early on, but Mike New's men soon found their range and were able to pin the score back to 23-19.

Triples by Yorick Williams and Stefan Gill gave MK their first lead of the match at 25-26 but it was short-lived as Heat put together a 12-5 run to move 37-31 in front.

Lions turned the match around in the third with two strong bursts, the first an 11-1 run followed by seven unanswered points that put them 57-61 up heading in to the final quarter.

The visitors looked safe when Gill scored five points to make it 67-79. However, a Michael Martin three-point play started an 8-0 Heat burst which got them back to 75-79. From there Lions were able to hang on to their lead and see out the victory.

■ ON Thursday MK Lions host Mersey Tigers at Winterhill, tip-off 7.30pm, and on Saturday they travel to Worthing Thunder, tip-off 7.30pm.

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Olney do the double on Bletchley – see page 79

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Didi could join Sven

BY SIMONE CORGAN

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MK DONS waved goodbye to Willy Gueret and Mark Carrington 24 hours after the transfer window closed.

And, as MK NEWS went to press, Dietmar Hamann was in talks with Leicester City with view to taking a coaching role with Sven-Goran Eriksson at Leicester.

Player-coach Hamann came out of retirement last May to sign a year-long deal with the Dons.

Signing the former-German international gained the Dons international media interest and the 37-year-old made his league debut for the club in the first game of the season away at Walsall.

Hamann's playing involvement was reduced in October following the departure of first team coach Alex Rae to Notts County.

Goalkeeper Gueret, who has not featured this season, and midfielder Carrington reached agreements to leave the club by mutual consent and, as free agents, both were able to pen deals with non-League Kettering and Scottish Premier League outfit Hamilton Academical respectively.

As free agents players are able to sign outside transfer windows.

Gueret was pivotal to the Dons' 2007/08 double-winning season and the first to save a penalty at the new Wembley when Dons lifted the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

In his three-and-a-half years at stadiummk the big Frenchman made 153 appearances.

Hamann's impending departure came as the Dons stepped up their preparations for tonight's League One match at Bristol Rovers.

Boss Karl Robinson, who completed the loan signing of Fulham youngster Keanu Marsh-Brown before Monday's deadline, will have Gary MacKenzie available but Sam Baldock (hamstring) and Angelo Balanta (ankle) remain sidelined.

Rovers were thrashed 6-1 at fellow strugglers Walsall last Saturday.

The pressure is on for them to turn around their dismal form and Robinson is wary of a Rovers side with something to prove.

He said: "When you have a drubbing like that, we have had one or two this year, it's amazing how you respond in the next game.

"It's going to be a right good challenge for us tonight. The players have got to be fully focused."

From playing on sand in Kenya to grassy Woughton

SIX years ago Awadh Ahmed was playing football in bare feet on sand in Kenya, now his is a MK Dons first year scholar dreaming of becoming a pro footballer.

Born in Somalia, Awadh, known by his coaches and team mates as 'Ace', moved to Keyna as a youngster where he developed a love for football even though he never played with real leather balls.

In 2005 he moved to MK with his family and is now 18 months away from finding out whether he has made the grade for a professional contract.

The 17-year-old is schooled at MK College and trains at Woughton on the Green but still has fond memories of his childhood.

He said: "We used to play on the sand every day after school. I would have cuts on my feet because there was glass in the sand, but I have the passion so I continued anyway. I played with no shoes and the ball wasn't a proper football it was plastic bands in the shape of one and it would never bounce."

The Conniborrow resident admits he has developed as a player and as a person since joining the academy.

He speaks fluent English and says football has taught him a lot more than tactics: "'I've been at the club for six years – it's my life. I know how to work in a team, how to communicate with people and how to treat people."

Dons fans have had a glimpse of Ace – he was a substitute in the pre-season friendly against Birmingham City. It is a day he will never forget: "I was the youngest on the pitch and there were players I see on TV – that team is in the Carling Cup final and I've played against them."

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